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The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
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Dear Governor Napolitano:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-526, enclosed is the semi-annual report on child welfare for the period of October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. This report provides information relative to reports of child abuse and neglect, investigations, shelter and receiving home services, foster homes, length of care, and adoptions.

We continue to work diligently to improve the quality of services for children and their families. Compiling this report provides us another opportunity to review our work and consider new ways to improve.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 542-5757.

Sincerely,

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**CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

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**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

## **CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Arizona Revised Statute §8-526, as amended by Laws 2006, Chapter 203 requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to compile information and produce a semi-annual report for the periods ending on March 31 and September 30 of each year regarding Child Welfare Services, including Child Protective Services (CPS). This report, submitted in satisfaction of that mandate, is for the semi-annual reporting period beginning on October 1, 2007 and ending on March 31, 2008.

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## Executive Summary

The Arizona Department of Economic Security's Division of Children, Youth and Families (Division) is pleased to publish this semi-annual report for October 2007 through March 2008 in compliance with A.R.S. § 8-526. This report is intended to provide its readers an opportunity to review the Division's progress in implementing systemic improvement strategies as they impact key performance indicators.

In September 2005, the Division released *Strengthening Families – A Blueprint for Realigning Arizona's Child Welfare System*. The *Blueprint* outlined ambitious goals and key strategies for (1) enhancing the ability of parents to create safe, stable and nurturing home environments; (2) strengthening families so children can remain safely in their homes; (3) finding more permanent homes more quickly for children; and (4) placing children in the least restrictive, most family-like setting possible.

The improved outcomes for children and families that have resulted from the implementation of those strategies have been highlighted in previous editions of this report and other Division publications. Additional successes are expected as the Division continues the statewide implementation of other continuous improvement strategies, such as embedding the Division's comprehensive Child Safety Assessment, Strengths and Risk Assessment, and Case Planning (CSA/SRA/CP) process into child welfare practice. This enhanced process assists Child Welfare Specialists (CWS) in more effectively assessing risk and engaging families in planning for and completing the services that are going to help them to create safe, stable living environments for their children. The hard-copy version of this process was implemented between February and June 2006. The Division launched a fully automated version of the process in November 2007.

The data contained in this *Semi-Annual Report*, when combined with other child welfare-related information in the Department, demonstrate the significant progress made in many of the Division's areas of focus and identify areas where continued focus is needed.

### **Child Abuse Hotline and Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigations**

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 30,021 calls during this reporting period. Of those, 12,393 – or 41.3 percent – *did not meet* the statutory criteria for a CPS report. Calls that did not meet the criteria for a CPS report included: requests for information or referrals for services; questions about current cases; and allegations of abuse or neglect where the alleged perpetrator was not the child's parent, guardian or custodian (those calls are referred to law enforcement for response). Every call that does not meet the criteria for a CPS report is reviewed within 48 hours by quality assurance staff to ensure the accuracy of that decision.

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 17,628 calls during this reporting period that met the statutory criteria for a CPS report. Of those, 215 were referred to other jurisdictions, the military or tribal governments for investigation. This resulted in 17,413 CPS reports being assigned to child welfare specialists for investigation. Compared to the same reporting period last year, this represents an increase of 991 CPS reports assigned for investigation – or 6.0 percent. This increase in CPS reports requiring an investigation has mainly impacted Maricopa and Pima counties.

Of the 17,413 CPS reports assigned for investigation during this reporting period, 10,760 reports – or 61.8 percent – had investigation closures entered into the Children's Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS) statewide case management information system. Closing a case means that the initial investigation to the original allegations of abuse or neglect has been completed and the appropriate case plan is put in place, as needed.

Of the 14,540 CPS reports subject to substantiation during this reporting period, 739 – or 5.1 percent – were substantiated. An additional 207 CPS reports – or 1.4 percent – were proposed for substantiation by child welfare specialists and are currently awaiting the results of the appeals process. Over time, the number of substantiated and proposed substantiated CPS reports associated with this time period will increase as investigation findings are entered into CHILDS.

It is sometimes difficult to substantiate allegations of abuse or neglect because current state laws that define child maltreatment do not include many situations related to child neglect or sexual abuse. The Department attempted to remedy this situation by supporting the introduction of House Bill 2704 in the Forty-eighth Legislature, Second Session. Although the bill successfully passed the House Human Services and Rules committees, the bill was not heard when it was subsequently assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules committees.

### **Children in Out-of-Home Care**

The Division continues to engage the community in efforts to keep children safe, strengthen families, and prevent the need for children to be removed from their homes through the statewide implementation of strategies such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Family to Family Initiative. Family to Family includes four basic principles: (1) a child's safety is paramount; (2) children belong in families; (3) families need strong communities; and (4) public child welfare systems need partnerships with the community and with other systems to achieve strong outcomes for children.

Although the number of children in out-of-home care increased from 9,701 in the prior reporting period to 9,721 in March 2008, the number of children in care as a percentage of the total children in the state actually decreased by 5 percent during that time frame. The Department's efforts to provide in-home services to strengthen families continue to show progress in safely reducing the number of children in out-of-home care, as a proportion of the total number of children in the state.

The Division continues its success in placing children in the most family-like setting possible. In March 2008, 7,462 children – or 76.8 percent of all children in out-of-home care – were placed with relatives or licensed foster parents. An additional 52 children were placed with their parents on a trial home visit and 373 youth were residing in independent living settings. Efforts to increase the number of licensed foster parents who are able to meet the needs of children requiring out-of-home placement resulted in 794 new homes being licensed during this reporting period.

The Division continues to make tremendous strides in reducing the number of young children in shelter and group home care. In March 2008, there were 24 young children ages 0 through 3 in shelter care. This represents a decrease of 86 children – or 78.2 percent – since June 2005. Placement of young children in shelter care continues to be influenced by the need to place some children after regular work hours, such as weekends, as well as the placement of children in a specialized shelter in Pima County for medically fragile children. The Division has also worked diligently to reduce the number of very young children in group homes. In March 2008, there were 9 young children ages 0 to 6 in group homes. This represents a decrease of 121 children – or 93.1 percent – since June 2005. There are times when placement of young children in group homes is in the best interests of the children; for example, when group placement would allow siblings to stay together or when group placement is considered the least restrictive placement for a child with behavioral issues.

The length of time that all children spend in shelter care continues to decrease. Since March 2005, the number of children placed in shelter or receiving home care for 21 days or more decreased by 501 children – or 44.5 percent – a significant improvement. Compared to the same reporting period last year, the number of children in these temporary care settings decreased by 79 children – or 11.2 percent.

The state requires monthly face to face visitation with children in foster care. The current report shows that 75.9 percent of the children in foster care received their visitation during the last month of this reporting period. This is a significant increase from 68.2 percent of children receiving visitation during the last month of the reporting period, ending March 2005. The Department recognizes a strong correlation between caseworker visits with children and positive outcomes for these children, such as achieving permanency and other indicators of child well-being, and continues to make efforts to improve our rate of visitation.

### **Permanency for Children**

The Division continues to work toward achieving permanency for children placed in out-of-home care. The total number of children achieving permanency through family reunification, adoption or legal guardianship was 2,944 in this reporting period, compared to 2,953 in the same reporting period last year. Compared to the same reporting period last year, in this reporting period:

- 1,814 children exited the system to family reunification, an increase of 31 children – or 1.7 percent.
- 765 children exited to adoption, an increase of 70 children – or 10.1 percent.
- 365 children exited to guardianship, a decrease of 110 children – or 23.1 percent.

This data demonstrates that more children are being reunified with their parents and more children are achieving permanency through adoption, which is considered the most permanent plan for a child who can not safely return home. Arizona continues to be recognized for its high rate of adoptions through receipt of federal Adoption Incentive funding. Incentive funding was awarded in federal fiscal years 2005 and 2006. In 2006, Arizona achieved the highest amount among state receiving incentive funding, and Arizona was in the top three among states receiving incentives in 2005.

### **Challenges**

The Division faces a number of challenges in its efforts to ensure safety and promote permanency for abused and neglected children. Some of the challenges the Division has faced in meeting these goals are:

- Recruiting staff with expertise in child welfare and the retention of trained and qualified staff.
- Increased expectations for staff to implement new practices and meet new federal requirements without adequate funding.
- Economic factors which create additional stress upon families and increases factors that place children at risk of maltreatment.

Despite these challenges, the Division continues to ensure child welfare staff has the tools they need to do their jobs effectively, and that both state and federal standards are being implemented. The Division continues to work in partnership with the federal government to meet the federal Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) standards to improve outcomes for the children and families we serve.

## Semi-Annual Comparisons

	Apr 2004 through Sep 2004	Oct 2004 through Mar 2005	Apr 2005 through Sep 2005	Oct 2005 through Mar 2006	Apr 2006 through Sep 2006	Oct 2006 through Mar 2007	Apr 2007 through Sep 2007	Oct 2007 through Mar 2008
Number of Reports Received	19,165	18,839	18,797	17,756	16,781	16,612	18,078	17,628
Number of Reports Substantiated <sup>1</sup>	2,157	1,734	1,677	1,326	1,376	1,369	1,413	739
Substantiation Rate	14%	11%	11%	9%	10%	10%	10%	5%
Number of Reports Investigated & Closed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,256	15,017	12,722	10,760
Number of Reports Responded To	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,619	16,422	17,876	17,413
Number of new removals	3,630	3,617	4,078	3,753	3,773	3,683	3,924	3,742
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	279	118	420	290	386	398	468	408
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	8,839	9,536	9,906	9,902	9,833	9,773	9,701	9,721
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	1,319	1,127	1,039	840	744	705	679	626
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	5,475 (61.9%)	6,506 (68.2%)	6,045 (61.0%)	6,411 (64.7%)	6,437 (65.5%)	7,610 (77.9%)	7,283 (75.1%)	7,376 (75.9%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	3,364 (38.1%)	3,030 (31.8%)	3,861 (39.0%)	3,491 (35.3%)	3,396 (34.5%)	2,163 (22.1%)	2,418 (24.9%)	2,345 (24.1%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	1,049 (50.4%)	1,255 (56.0%)	1,080 (47.9%)	1,154 (52.1%)	1,131 (51.8%)	1,398 (63.1%)	1,241 (63.5%)	1,025 (62.3%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes	2,191	2,267	2,288	2,863	3,256	3,177	3,512	3,592
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to ACYF	4,044	5,020	4,905	5,668	6,469	6,498	6,639	6,283
Number of New Foster Homes	410	400	397	328	426	432	435	794
Number of Foster Homes Closed	197	410	258	295	166	232	100	445
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period	1,723 (78.7%)	1,791 (79.0%)	1,672 (63.3%)	1,833 (64.0%)	1,790 (55.0%)	2,116 (66.6%)	1,739 (49.5%)	2,137 (59.5%)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation	466 (21.3%)	476 (21.0%)	968 (36.7%)	1,030 (36.0%)	1,466 (45.0%)	1,061 (33.4%)	1,773 (50.5%)	1,455 (40.5%)
Number of Children Leaving DES Custody	2,883	2,726	3,488	3,506	3,595	3,553	3,824	3,512
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	1,893	2,044	2,170	2,345	2,302	2,439	2,186	1,954
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	373	430	570	586	736	695	773	765

<sup>1</sup> Since the appeals process delays the substantiation of reports, revisions to the substantiation rate for the prior reporting period will occur with every semi-annual report produced.

**Reports of Abuse & Neglect**

Child abuse and neglect are defined in A.R.S. §8-201 and A.R.S. §13-3623 (A). These definitions provide the major categories in this report.

Between October 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, there were 17,628 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline that met the criteria for a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 215 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. This compares to 18,078 incoming communications received during the last reporting period which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

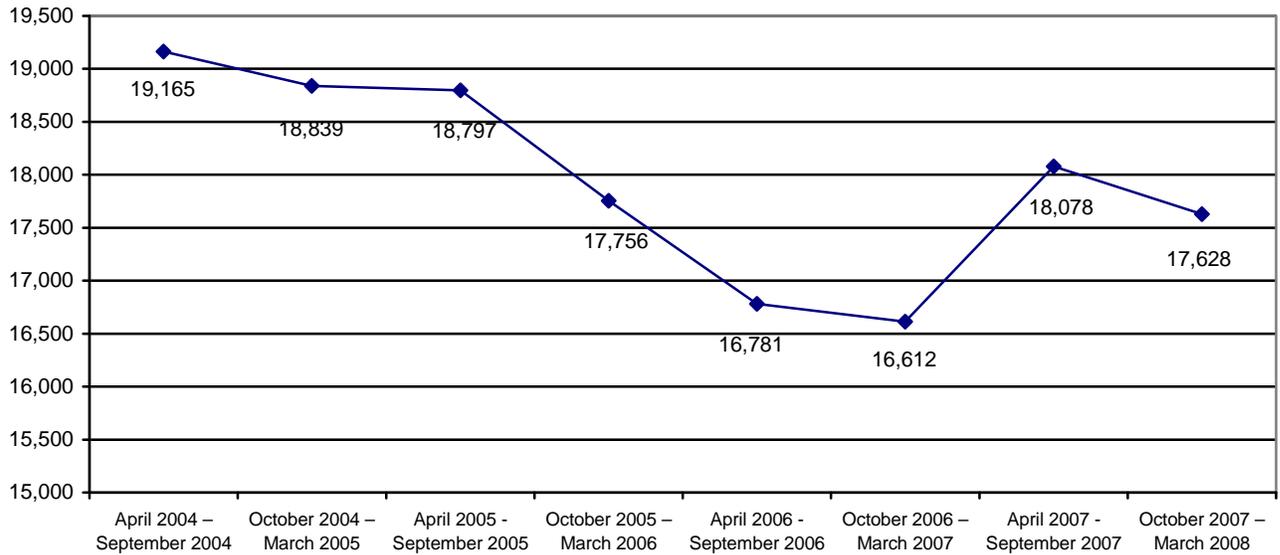
Table 1 shows the number of reports received by the Department by category of maltreatment for the last eight reporting periods. The table shows that for the current reporting period 10,449 or 59.2 percent of the 17,628 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 6,005 or 34.1 percent of the reports were related to allegations of physical abuse, 980 or 5.6 percent of the reports were related to allegations of sexual abuse, and 194 or 1.1 percent of the reports were related to allegations of emotional abuse.

**TABLE 1  
REPORTS BY REPORTING PERIOD AND TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Total
April 2004 – September 2004	11,604 60.5%	6,028 31.5%	1,178 6.1%	355 1.9%	19,165 100.0%
October 2004 – March 2005	10,950 58.2%	6,504 34.5%	1,112 5.9%	273 1.4%	18,839 100.0%
April 2005 - September 2005	11,282 60.0%	6,139 32.7%	1,135 6.0%	241 1.3%	18,797 100.0%
October 2005 – March 2006	10,592 59.6%	5,890 33.2%	1,010 5.7%	264 1.5%	17,756 100.0%
April 2006 - September 2006	10,201 60.7%	5,346 31.9%	1,019 6.1%	215 1.3%	16,781 100.0%
October 2006 – March 2007	9,838 59.2%	5,571 33.5%	1,007 6.1%	196 1.2%	16,612 100.0%
April 2007 – September 2007	10,922 60.4%	5,836 32.3%	1,108 6.1%	212 1.2%	18,078 100.0%
October 2007 – March 2008	10,449 59.2%	6,005 34.1%	980 5.6%	194 1.1%	17,628 100.0%

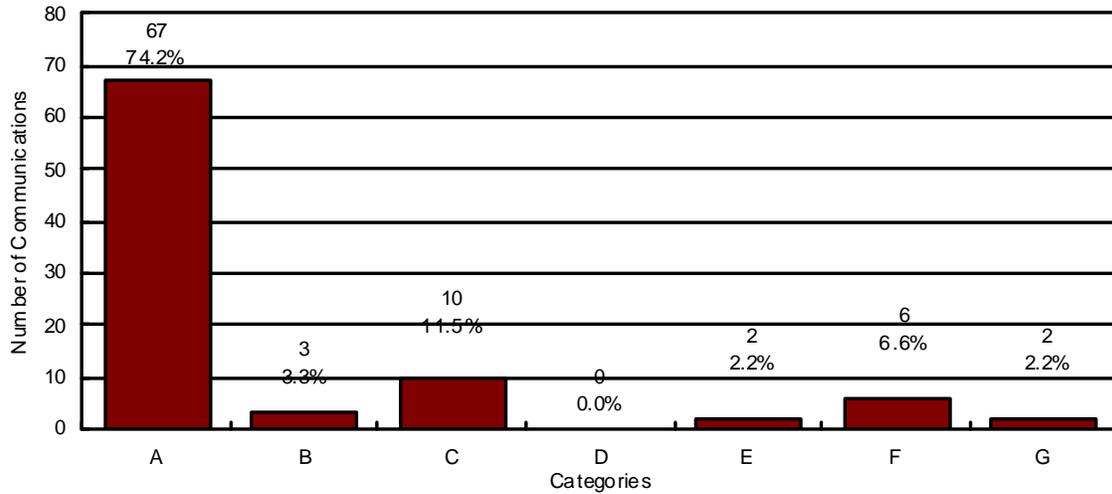
Chart 1 shows that the number of CPS reports received by the CPS Hotline has increased over the past year. Comparing the current reporting period to the prior reporting period, the number of reports received decreased by 450 reports or 2.5%.

**CHART 1  
REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY REPORTING PERIOD**



In addition to the 17,628 reports during the current reporting period, the Child Abuse Hotline received 12,393 communications that did not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample of these communications is contained in the chart below.

**CHART 2**  
**SAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE THAT DO NOT MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF A REPORT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT**



N=90

- A = Concern Only/No Allegation of Child Abuse or Neglect**
- B = Out of CPS Jurisdiction**
- C = Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction<sup>2</sup>**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

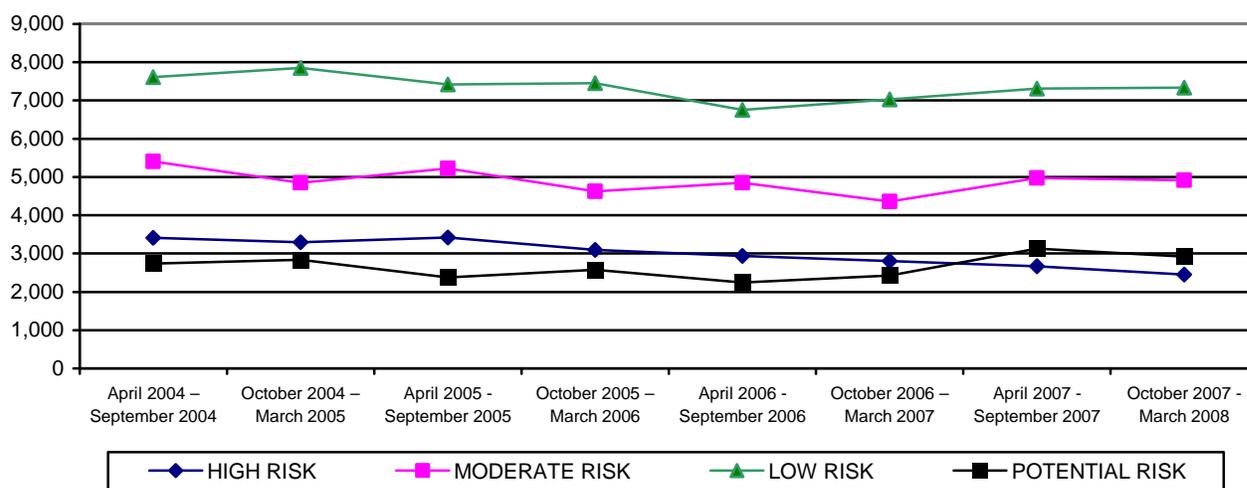
All communications that do not meet the statutory requirements for a field investigation of abuse or neglect are reviewed within 48 hours by DES quality assurance staff.

<sup>2</sup> The category “Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction” refers to a situation where the alleged perpetrator is not a parent or primary caretaker and the allegations, if true, would constitute a crime.

For the current reporting period, the CPS Hotline classified 13.9 percent of the reports received as high risk, 27.9 percent as moderate risk, 41.7 percent as low risk, and 16.5 percent as potential risk.

For the current reporting period, the CPS Hotline classified 1.1 percent of CPS reports as emotional abuse, 59.2 percent as neglect, 34.1 percent as physical abuse, and 5.6 percent as sexual abuse.

**CHART 3  
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL**



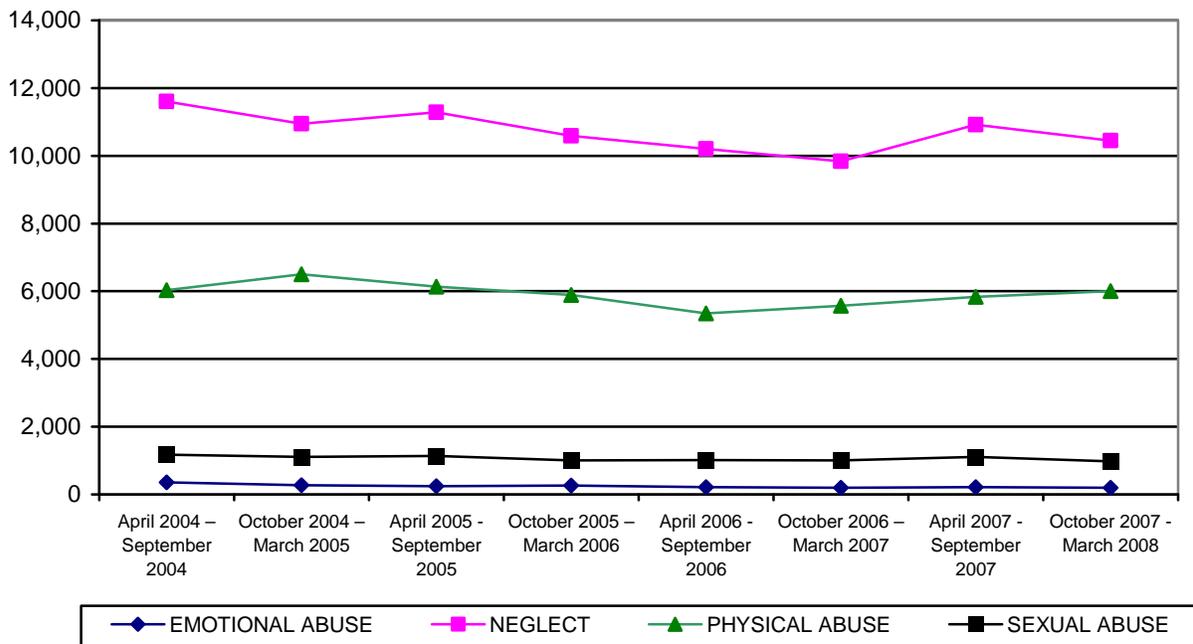
**TABLE 2  
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	14	27	36	17	94	0.5%
COCHISE	48	142	189	79	458	2.6%
COCONINO	62	92	165	66	385	2.2%
GILA	29	46	73	21	169	1.0%
GRAHAM	14	21	35	14	84	0.5%
GREENLEE	1	5	10	7	23	0.1%
LA PAZ	11	17	26	9	63	0.4%
MARICOPA	1,487	2,908	4,172	1,685	10,252	58.1%
MOHAVE	83	162	245	86	576	3.3%
NAVAJO	49	62	98	44	253	1.4%
PIMA	341	883	1,453	568	3,245	18.4%
PINAL	179	256	404	165	1,004	5.7%
SANTA CRUZ	16	23	42	11	92	0.5%
YAVAPAI	57	160	222	70	509	2.9%
YUMA	62	115	169	75	421	2.4%
STATEWIDE	2,453	4,919	7,339	2,917	17,628	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.9%	27.9%	41.7%	16.5%	100.0%	

**TABLE 3**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	13	24	34	16	87	0.5%
COCHISE	45	144	230	75	494	2.7%
COCONINO	64	133	146	59	402	2.2%
GILA	36	61	80	46	223	1.2%
GRAHAM	8	38	51	13	110	0.6%
GREENLEE	8	7	8	3	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	12	15	24	11	62	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,666	2,747	4,103	1,768	10,284	57.0%
MOHAVE	97	200	254	101	652	3.6%
NAVAJO	70	90	140	47	347	1.9%
PIMA	348	879	1,394	579	3,200	17.7%
PINAL	175	287	401	194	1,057	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	12	33	54	9	108	0.6%
YAVAPAI	49	182	253	117	601	3.3%
YUMA	65	131	143	86	425	2.4%
STATEWIDE	2,668	4,971	7,315	3,124	18,078	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.8%	27.5%	40.4%	17.3%	100.0%	

**CHART 4**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**



**TABLE 4**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR**  
**PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	63	23	7	94	0.5%
COCHISE	5	281	147	25	458	2.6%
COCONINO	3	223	132	27	385	2.2%
GILA	2	116	43	8	169	1.0%
GRAHAM	2	48	32	2	84	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	15	6	2	23	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	37	22	4	63	0.4%
MARICOPA	94	5,941	3,643	574	10,252	58.1%
MOHAVE	8	358	182	28	576	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	164	73	13	253	1.4%
PIMA	48	1,946	1,079	172	3,245	18.4%
PINAL	13	612	322	57	1,004	5.7%
SANTA CRUZ	1	58	27	6	92	0.5%
YAVAPAI	9	312	149	39	509	2.9%
YUMA	5	275	125	16	421	2.4%
STATEWIDE	194	10,449	6,005	980	17,628	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.1%	59.2%	34.1%	5.6%	100.0%	

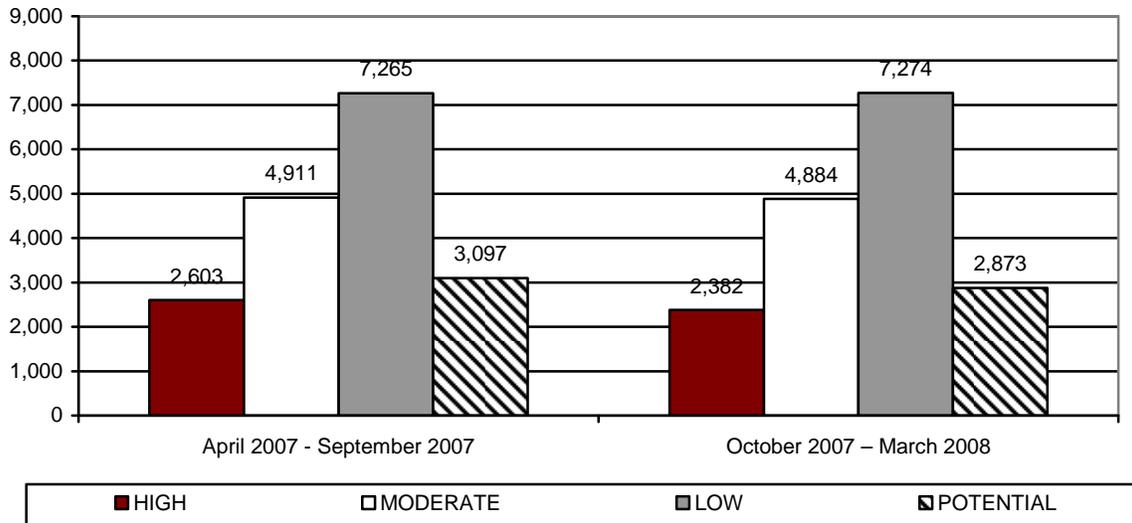
**TABLE 5**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR**  
**PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	47	33	6	87	0.5%
COCHISE	6	312	154	22	494	2.7%
COCONINO	3	248	124	27	402	2.2%
GILA	2	148	59	14	223	1.2%
GRAHAM	1	61	36	12	110	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	16	8	2	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	2	35	17	8	62	0.3%
MARICOPA	117	6,098	3,424	645	10,284	57.0%
MOHAVE	4	417	197	34	652	3.6%
NAVAJO	3	234	101	9	347	1.9%
PIMA	50	1,924	1,045	181	3,200	17.7%
PINAL	14	648	315	80	1,057	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	2	63	38	5	108	0.6%
YAVAPAI	4	381	181	35	601	3.3%
YUMA	3	290	104	28	425	2.4%
STATEWIDE	212	10,922	5,836	1,108	18,078	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.2%	60.4%	32.3%	6.1%	100.0%	

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS**

During the reporting period there were 17,628 reports that were appropriate for investigation. Of those, 215 reports fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments. This left 17,413 reports that were assigned to be investigated by CPS. The following tables and charts in this section provide statewide and county level information on these reports.

**CHART 5  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND REPORTING PERIOD**



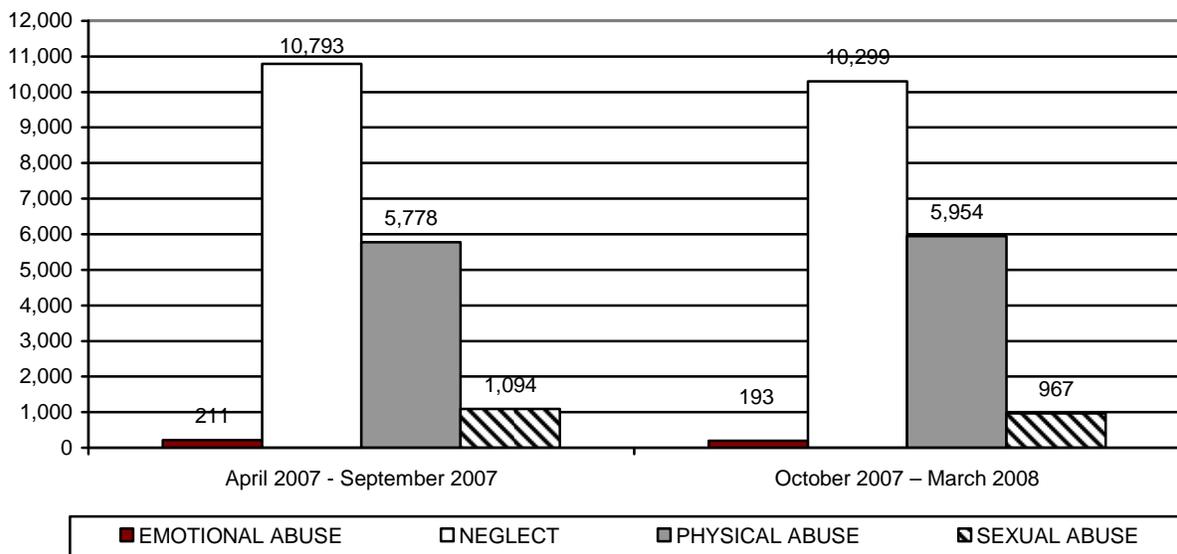
**TABLE 6  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	13	23	30	13	79	0.5%
COCHISE	48	142	187	79	456	2.6%
COCONINO	53	83	145	60	341	2.0%
GILA	20	43	70	15	148	0.8%
GRAHAM	10	21	35	14	80	0.5%
GREENLEE	1	5	10	7	23	0.1%
LA PAZ	9	6	22	8	55	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,471	2,901	4,165	1,672	10,209	58.6%
MOHAVE	80	162	243	86	571	3.3%
NAVAJO	42	59	87	39	227	1.3%
PIMA	338	879	1,448	566	3,231	18.6%
PINAL	166	253	401	158	978	5.6%
SANTA CRUZ	16	23	42	11	92	0.5%
YAVAPAI	55	160	221	70	506	2.9%
YUMA	60	114	168	75	417	2.4%
STATEWIDE	2,382	4,884	7,274	2,873	17,413	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.7%	28.0%	41.8%	16.5%	100.0%	

**TABLE 7**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY**  
**FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	12	19	28	12	71	0.4%
COCHISE	45	144	230	75	494	2.8%
COCONINO	54	118	135	58	365	2.0%
GILA	25	56	79	43	203	1.1%
GRAHAM	8	37	51	12	108	0.6%
GREENLEE	8	7	8	3	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	12	13	20	10	55	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,656	2,741	4,093	1,764	10,254	57.4%
MOHAVE	93	199	254	101	647	3.6%
NAVAJO	55	76	131	43	305	1.7%
PIMA	344	876	1,390	575	3,185	17.8%
PINAL	165	280	397	189	1,031	5.8%
SANTA CRUZ	12	33	54	9	108	0.6%
YAVAPAI	49	181	253	117	600	3.4%
YUMA	65	131	142	86	424	2.4%
STATEWIDE	2,603	4,911	7,265	3,097	17,876	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.6%	27.5%	40.6%	17.3%	100.0%	

**CHART 6**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**AND REPORTING PERIOD**



**TABLE 8**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	53	19	6	79	0.5%
COCHISE	5	281	147	23	456	2.6%
COCONINO	3	197	116	25	341	2.0%
GILA	2	100	40	6	148	0.8%
GRAHAM	2	44	32	2	80	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	15	6	2	23	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	31	20	4	55	0.3%
MARICOPA	94	5,910	3,634	571	10,209	58.6%
MOHAVE	8	354	181	28	571	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	147	65	12	227	1.3%
PIMA	48	1,936	1,076	171	3,231	18.6%
PINAL	12	590	320	56	978	5.6%
SANTA CRUZ	1	58	27	6	92	0.5%
YAVAPAI	9	311	147	39	506	2.9%
YUMA	5	272	124	16	417	2.4%
STATEWIDE	193	10,299	5,954	967	17,413	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.1%	59.1%	34.2%	5.6%	100.0%	

**TABLE 9**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 2007**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	42	25	3	71	0.4%
COCHISE	6	312	154	22	494	2.8%
COCONINO	3	226	112	24	365	2.0%
GILA	2	132	57	12	203	1.1%
GRAHAM	1	61	35	11	108	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	16	8	2	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	34	13	7	55	0.3%
MARICOPA	117	6,076	3,419	642	10,254	57.4%
MOHAVE	4	412	197	34	647	3.6%
NAVAJO	3	204	89	9	305	1.7%
PIMA	50	1,913	1,041	181	3,185	17.8%
PINAL	14	632	306	79	1,031	5.8%
SANTA CRUZ	2	63	38	5	108	0.6%
YAVAPAI	4	381	180	35	600	3.4%
YUMA	3	289	104	28	424	2.4%
STATEWIDE	211	10,793	5,778	1,094	17,876	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.2%	60.4%	32.3%	6.1%	100.0%	

During this reporting period, there were 17,413 reports assigned for investigation. Of these, CPS completed 10,760 investigations or 61.8 percent. Investigations not completed remain open when the investigation is still in process, when the CPS specialist is waiting for the results of a law enforcement investigation and/or receipt of records that impact the investigation finding, or when the investigation has been completed but is waiting supervisory review and approval.

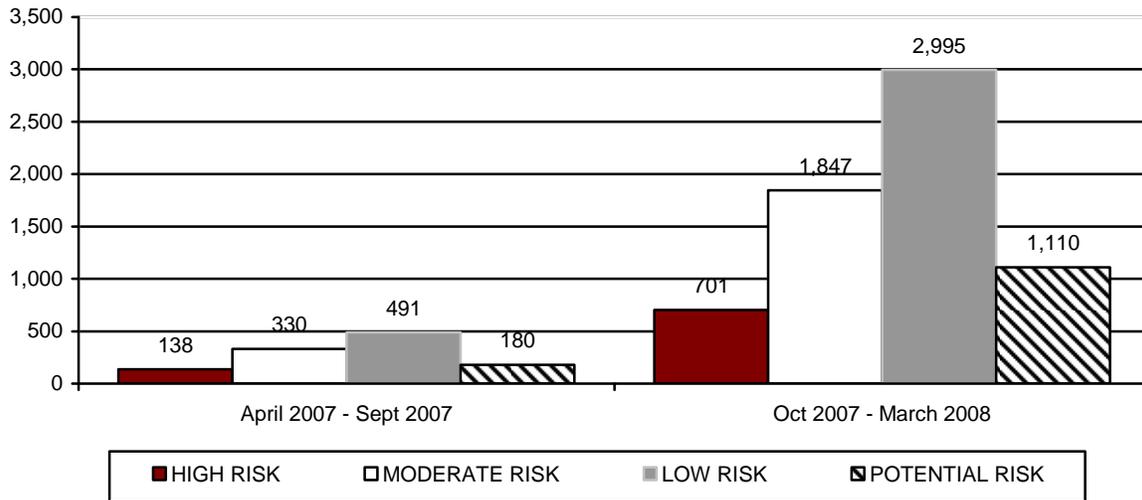
**INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**TABLE 10  
NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR  
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

By statute, a random sample of reports not responded to for the period is required. In addition, short descriptions of these reports are also required. As there were no reports without a response for this reporting period, the sample of reports has been omitted.

**CHART 7  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND REPORTING PERIOD FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION**



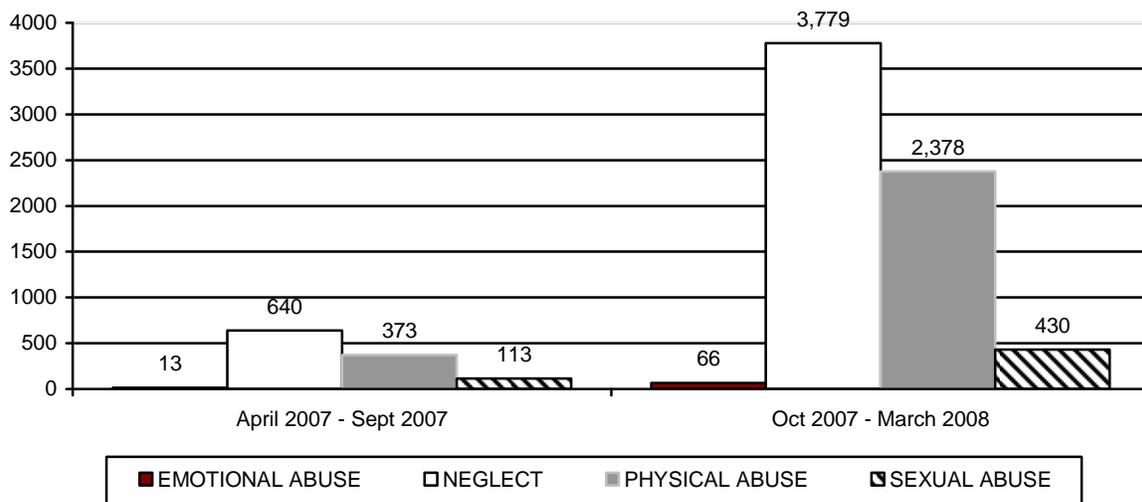
**TABLE 11  
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	6	14	22	11	53	0.8%
COCHISE	11	48	79	30	168	2.5%
COCONINO	40	51	93	42	226	3.4%
GILA	6	16	20	9	51	0.8%
GRAHAM	5	11	19	11	46	0.7%
GREENLEE	1	5	8	7	21	0.3%
LA PAZ	1	4	6	2	13	0.2%
MARICOPA	406	1,029	1,689	624	3,748	56.5%
MOHAVE	32	89	119	41	281	4.2%
NAVAJO	8	13	20	11	52	0.8%
PIMA	93	395	642	230	1,360	20.4%
PINAL	63	107	180	59	409	6.1%
SANTA CRUZ	5	12	15	4	36	0.5%
YAVAPAI	4	14	24	5	47	0.7%
YUMA	20	39	59	24	142	2.1%
STATEWIDE	701	1,847	2,995	1,110	6,653	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	10.5%	27.8%	45.0%	16.7%	100.0%	

**TABLE 12**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	4	8	12	9	33	2.9%
COCHISE	2	5	5	1	13	1.1%
COCONINO	9	29	40	12	90	7.9%
GILA	2	3	5	1	11	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%
GREENLEE	0	0	2	0	2	0.2%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	64	109	145	66	384	33.7%
MOHAVE	12	29	39	12	92	8.1%
NAVAJO	1	1	1	0	3	0.3%
PIMA	36	131	204	65	436	38.2%
PINAL	8	11	30	13	62	5.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	1	0	2	0.2%
YAVAPAI	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
YUMA	0	2	6	1	9	0.8%
STATEWIDE	138	330	491	180	1,139	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	12.1%	29.0%	43.1%	15.8%	100.0%	

**CHART 8**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION**



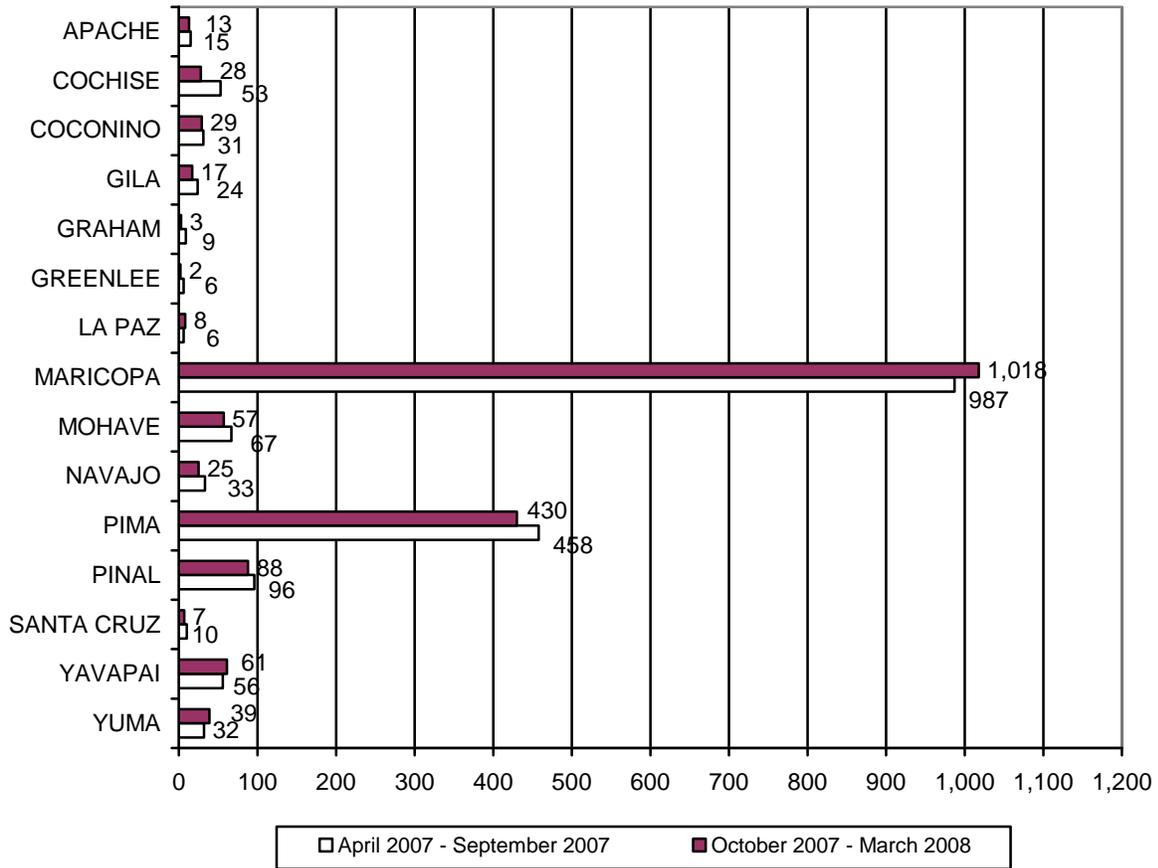
**TABLE 13**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS**  
**STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	34	15	4	53	0.8%
COCHISE	0	108	51	9	168	2.5%
COCONINO	1	141	67	17	226	3.4%
GILA	0	37	12	2	51	0.8%
GRAHAM	1	24	20	1	46	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	14	5	2	21	0.3%
LA PAZ	0	5	8	0	13	0.2%
MARICOPA	36	2,070	1,418	224	3,748	56.5%
MOHAVE	5	164	93	19	281	4.2%
NAVAJO	0	37	13	2	52	0.8%
PIMA	16	768	462	114	1,360	20.4%
PINAL	4	239	144	22	409	6.1%
SANTA CRUZ	1	24	9	2	36	0.5%
YAVAPAI	0	25	16	6	47	0.7%
YUMA	2	89	45	6	142	2.1%
STATEWIDE	66	3,779	2,378	430	6,653	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.0%	56.8%	35.7%	6.5%	100.0%	

**TABLE 14**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS**  
**STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	16	14	3	33	2.9%
COCHISE	0	10	3	0	13	1.1%
COCONINO	1	56	31	2	90	7.9%
GILA	0	9	2	0	11	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	1	1	0.1%
GREENLEE	0	1	1	0	2	0.2%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2	210	133	39	384	33.7%
MOHAVE	2	61	24	5	92	8.1%
NAVAJO	0	1	0	2	3	0.3%
PIMA	8	231	141	56	436	38.2%
PINAL	0	37	21	4	62	5.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	1	0	2	0.2%
YAVAPAI	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
YUMA	0	6	2	1	9	0.8%
STATEWIDE	13	640	373	113	1,139	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.1%	56.3%	32.7%	9.9%	100.0%	

**CHART 9  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION WHERE A REMOVAL OCCURRED**



**TABLE 15**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A**  
**REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	79	13	16.5%
COCHISE	456	28	6.1%
COCONINO	341	29	8.5%
GILA	148	17	11.5%
GRAHAM	80	3	3.8%
GREENLEE	23	2	8.7%
LA PAZ	55	8	14.5%
MARICOPA	10,209	1,018	10.0%
MOHAVE	571	57	10.0%
NAVAJO	227	25	11.0%
PIMA	3,231	430	13.3%
PINAL	978	88	9.0%
SANTA CRUZ	92	7	7.6%
YAVAPAI	506	61	12.1%
YUMA	417	39	9.4%
STATEWIDE	17,413	1,825	10.5%

**TABLE 16**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A**  
**REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	71	15	21.1%
COCHISE	494	53	10.7%
COCONINO	365	31	8.5%
GILA	203	24	11.8%
GRAHAM	108	9	8.3%
GREENLEE	26	6	23.1%
LA PAZ	55	6	10.9%
MARICOPA	10,254	987	9.6%
MOHAVE	647	67	10.4%
NAVAJO	305	33	10.8%
PIMA	3,185	458	14.4%
PINAL	1,031	96	9.3%
SANTA CRUZ	108	10	9.3%
YAVAPAI	600	56	9.3%
YUMA	424	32	7.5%
STATEWIDE	17,876	1,883	10.5%

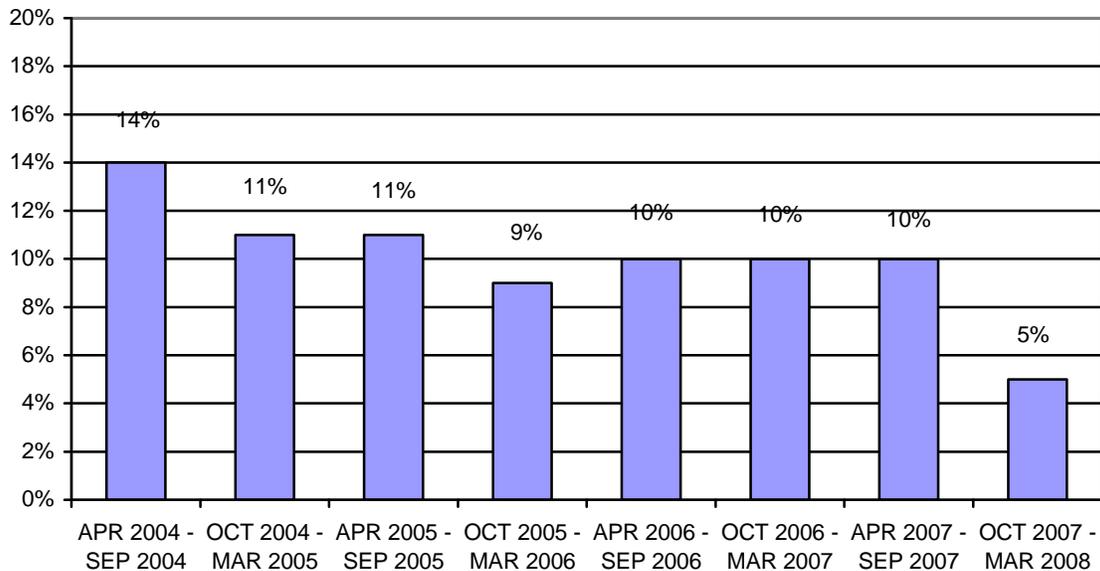
**COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS**

Substantiated reports are reports where the Department has determined that at least one of the allegations in the report of abuse and neglect is true. The number of reports that are considered substantiated are a subset of the total number of reports that were received, investigated, and closed during the reporting period.

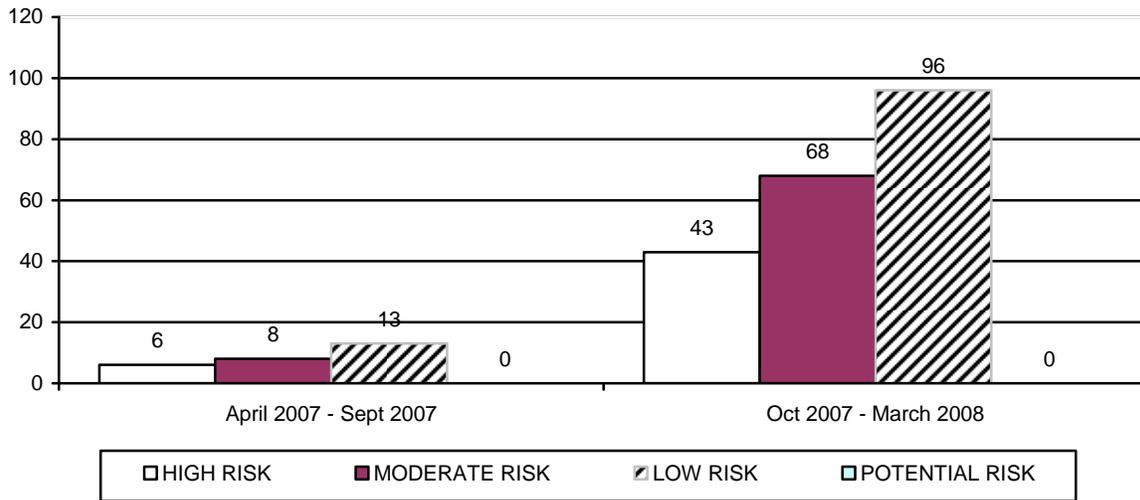
The preliminary number of CPS reports that are substantiated for this reporting period is 739. For the prior reporting period, the number of CPS reports that were assigned for investigation that resulted in substantiated findings was revised from 1,011 to 1,413 to reflect further results of parents’ rights to due process. For the current reporting period, 32.1 percent of substantiated investigative findings were classified as high risk, 36.6 percent as moderate risk, and 31.3 percent as low risk. Potential risk reports are not substantiated by CPS. For the prior reporting period, 26.4 percent of substantiated investigative findings were classified as high risk, 39.0 percent as moderate risk, and 34.6 percent as low risk.

- There were 14,540 reports received during the current reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a preliminary substantiation rate of 5 percent for the current reporting period.
- There were 14,779 reports received during the prior reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a 10 percent substantiation rate for the prior reporting period.

**CHART 10  
SUBSTANTIATION RATE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**CHART 11**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION**



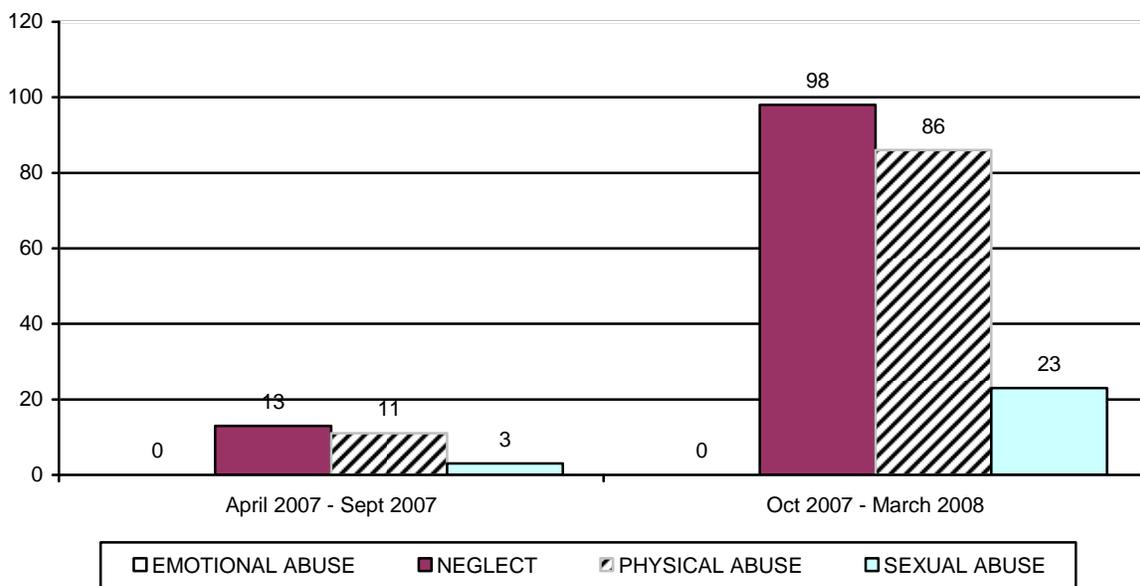
**TABLE 17**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	3	0	0	4	1.9%
COCHISE	1	2	1	0	4	1.9%
COCONINO	0	4	1	0	5	2.4%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1	0.5%
MARICOPA	27	40	74	0	141	68.1%
MOHAVE	1	4	2	0	7	3.4%
NAVAJO	0	2	0	0	2	1.0%
PIMA	8	8	12	0	28	13.5%
PINAL	1	0	1	0	2	1.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	1	0	1	0.5%
YAVAPAI	2	3	2	0	7	3.4%
YUMA	1	2	2	0	5	2.4%
STATEWIDE	43	68	96	0	207	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	20.8%	32.9%	46.3%	0.0%	100.0%	

**TABLE 18**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY**  
**THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCONINO	0	0	1	0	1	3.7%
GILA	0	1	1	0	2	7.4%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1	3.7%
MARICOPA	3	7	6	0	16	59.3%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	3	0	3	11.1%
PIMA	1	0	2	0	3	11.1%
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	1	0	0	0	1	3.7%
STATEWIDE	6	8	13	0	27	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	22.2%	29.6%	48.2%	0.0%	100.0%	

**CHART 12**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION**



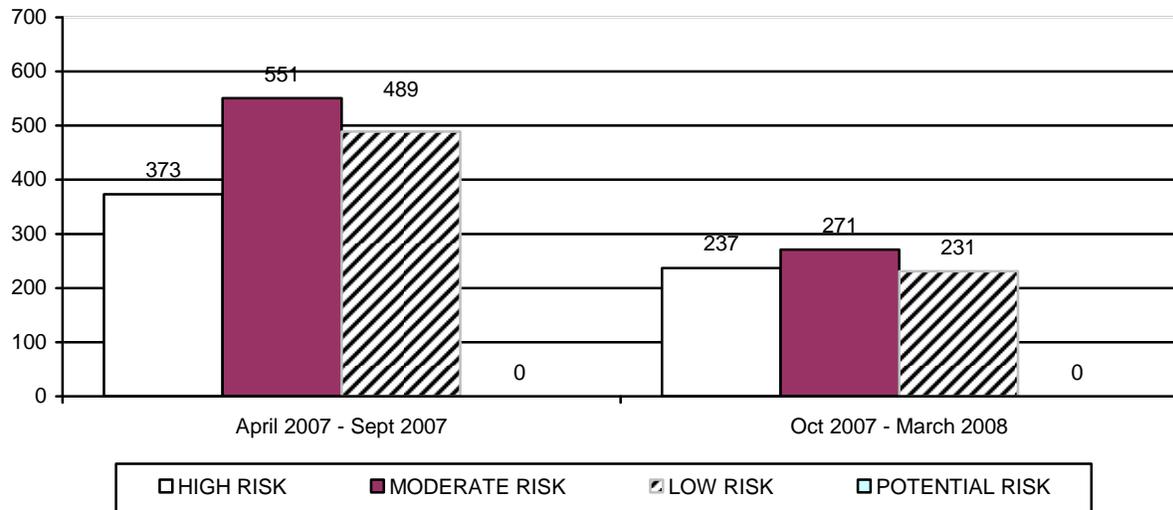
**TABLE 19**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	4	0	0	4	1.9%
COCHISE	0	3	1	0	4	1.9%
COCONINO	0	2	2	1	5	2.4%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.5%
MARICOPA	0	55	69	17	141	68.1%
MOHAVE	0	4	3	0	7	3.4%
NAVAJO	0	2	0	0	2	1.0%
PIMA	0	18	6	4	28	13.5%
PINAL	0	1	1	0	2	1.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.5%
YAVAPAI	0	5	2	0	7	3.4%
YUMA	0	2	2	1	5	2.4%
STATEWIDE	0	98	86	23	207	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	47.4%	41.5%	11.1%	100.0%	

**TABLE 20**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCONINO	0	0	1	0	1	3.7%
GILA	0	1	1	0	2	7.4%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	3.7%
MARICOPA	0	6	7	3	16	59.3%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	3	0	0	3	11.1%
PIMA	0	1	2	0	3	11.1%
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	0	1	0	0	1	3.7%
STATEWIDE	0	13	11	3	27	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	48.2%	40.7%	11.1%	100.0%	

**CHART 13  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND  
REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN  
SUBSTANTIATION**



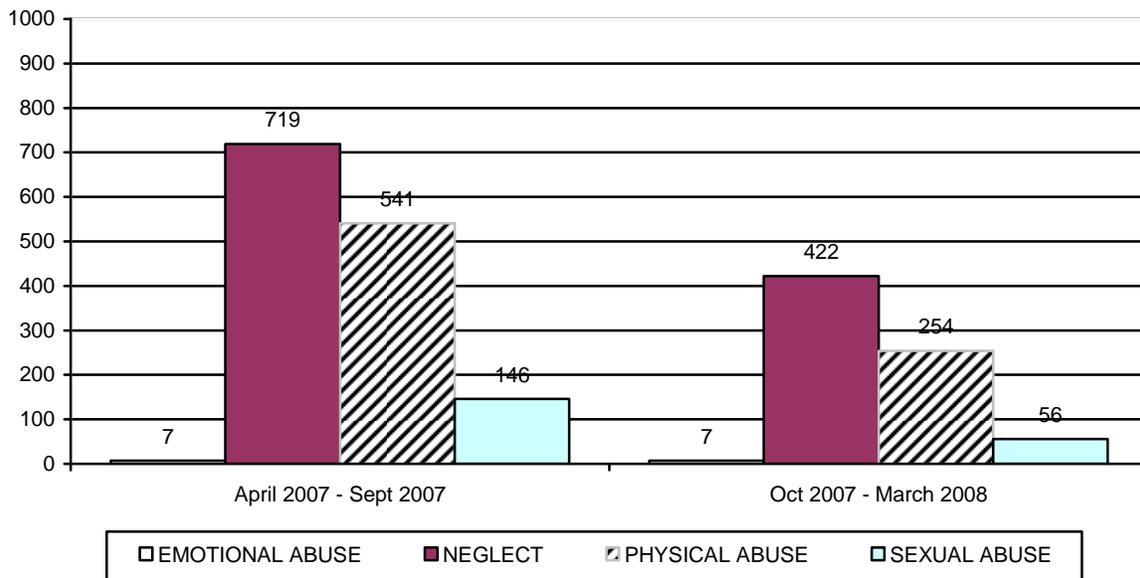
**TABLE 21  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY  
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	2	1	0	4	0.5%
COCHISE	4	13	7	0	24	3.2%
COCONINO	1	2	2	0	5	0.7%
GILA	3	1	0	0	4	0.5%
GRAHAM	1	1	1	0	3	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	1	1	0	0	2	0.3%
MARICOPA	93	105	90	0	288	39.1%
MOHAVE	6	6	4	0	16	2.2%
NAVAJO	5	2	2	0	9	1.2%
PIMA	82	87	83	0	252	34.1%
PINAL	17	21	17	0	55	7.4%
SANTA CRUZ	2	1	0	0	3	0.4%
YAVAPAI	16	24	20	0	60	8.1%
YUMA	5	5	4	0	14	1.9%
STATEWIDE	237	271	231	0	739	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	32.1%	36.6%	31.3%	0.0%	100.0%	

**TABLE 22**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY**  
**THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	1	3	0	6	0.4%
COCHISE	10	30	7	0	47	3.3%
COCONINO	15	21	15	0	51	3.6%
GILA	3	3	6	0	12	0.8%
GRAHAM	0	7	1	0	8	0.6%
GREENLEE	2	0	2	0	4	0.3%
LA PAZ	1	3	0	0	4	0.3%
MARICOPA	170	246	224	0	640	45.2%
MOHAVE	17	20	9	0	46	3.3%
NAVAJO	17	7	8	0	32	2.3%
PIMA	95	137	149	0	381	27.0%
PINAL	18	36	28	0	82	5.8%
SANTA CRUZ	1	2	5	0	8	0.6%
YAVAPAI	13	24	23	0	60	4.2%
YUMA	9	14	9	0	32	2.3%
STATEWIDE	373	551	489	0	1,413	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	26.4%	39.0%	34.6%	0.0%	100.0%	

**CHART 14**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION**



**TABLE 23**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

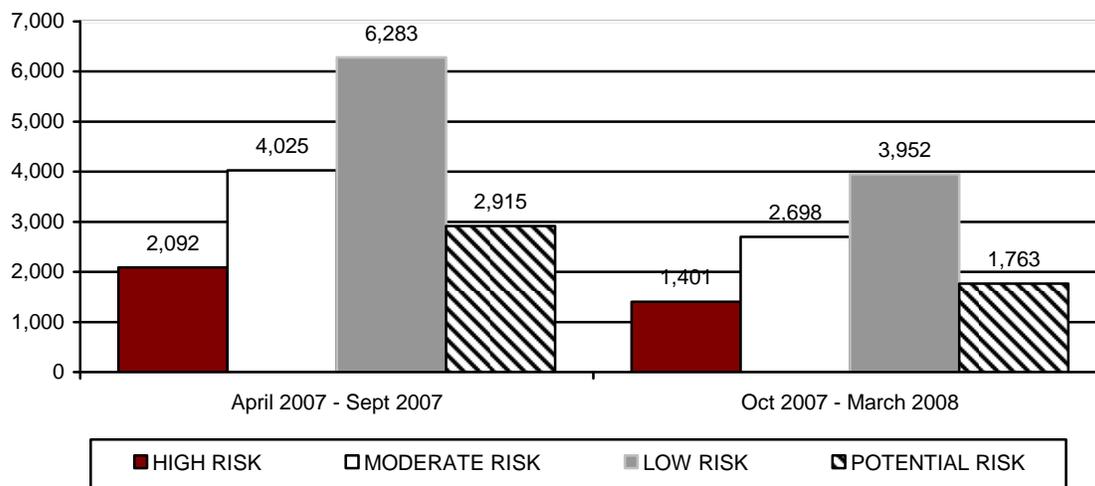
COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	1	1	1	4	0.5%
COCHISE	1	10	12	1	24	3.2%
COCONINO	0	1	3	1	5	0.7%
GILA	0	3	1	0	4	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	1	2	0	3	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	1	0	2	0.3%
MARICOPA	3	136	116	33	288	39.1%
MOHAVE	0	8	7	1	16	2.2%
NAVAJO	0	6	2	1	9	1.2%
PIMA	2	173	69	8	252	34.1%
PINAL	0	32	18	5	55	7.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	1	0	3	0.4%
YAVAPAI	0	39	16	5	60	8.1%
YUMA	0	9	5	0	14	1.9%
STATEWIDE	7	422	254	56	739	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.9%	57.1%	34.4%	7.6%	100.0%	

**TABLE 24**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	4	1	0	6	0.4%
COCHISE	0	32	11	4	47	3.3%
COCONINO	0	37	10	4	51	3.6%
GILA	0	6	4	2	12	0.8%
GRAHAM	0	5	3	0	8	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	2	2	0	4	0.3%
LA PAZ	0	2	1	1	4	0.3%
MARICOPA	1	249	310	80	640	45.2%
MOHAVE	0	25	16	5	46	3.3%
NAVAJO	1	18	11	2	32	2.3%
PIMA	4	234	116	27	381	27.0%
PINAL	0	46	25	11	82	5.8%
SANTA CRUZ	0	3	5	0	8	0.6%
YAVAPAI	0	38	14	8	60	4.2%
YUMA	0	18	12	2	32	2.3%
STATEWIDE	7	719	541	146	1,413	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.5%	50.9%	38.3%	10.3%	100.0%	

The preliminary number of CPS investigations that resulted in an unsubstantiated finding for this reporting period was 9,814. For the prior reporting period, the number of CPS reports that were unsubstantiated was revised from 11,592 to 15,315 to reflect updated information in the CHILDS case management information system. For the prior reporting period, 13.7 percent of unsubstantiated reports were classified as high risk, 26.3 percent as moderate risk, 41.0 percent as low risk, and 19.0 percent as potential risk. Just over one percent of these unsubstantiated reports related to emotional abuse, 61.6 percent to neglect, 31.7 percent to physical abuse, and 5.4 percent to sexual abuse.

**CHART 15  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION**



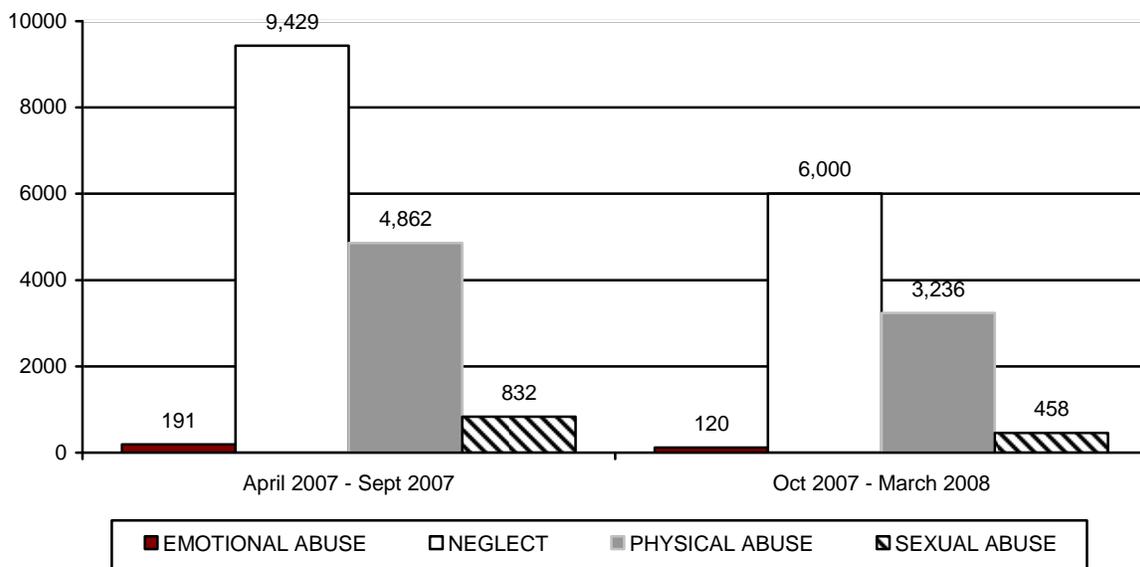
**TABLE 25  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	5	4	7	2	18	0.2%
COCHISE	32	79	100	49	260	2.6%
COCONINO	12	26	49	18	105	1.1%
GILA	11	26	50	6	93	0.9%
GRAHAM	4	9	15	3	31	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	2	0	2	<0.1%
LA PAZ	6	11	16	6	39	0.4%
MARICOPA	945	1,727	2,312	1,048	6,032	61.5%
MOHAVE	41	63	118	45	267	2.7%
NAVAJO	29	42	65	28	164	1.7%
PIMA	155	389	711	336	1,591	16.2%
PINAL	85	125	203	99	512	5.2%
SANTA CRUZ	9	10	26	7	52	0.5%
YAVAPAI	33	119	175	65	392	4.0%
YUMA	34	68	103	51	256	2.6%
STATEWIDE	1,401	2,698	3,952	1,763	9,814	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.3%	27.5%	40.2%	18.0%	100.0%	

**TABLE 26**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY**  
**THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	6	10	13	3	32	0.2%
COCHISE	33	110	218	74	435	2.8%
COCONINO	30	67	79	45	221	1.4%
GILA	20	48	68	40	176	1.1%
GRAHAM	8	30	49	12	99	0.7%
GREENLEE	6	7	4	3	20	0.1%
LA PAZ	10	10	20	10	50	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,419	2,379	3,727	1,698	9,223	60.3%
MOHAVE	64	150	208	89	511	3.3%
NAVAJO	37	68	119	43	267	1.7%
PIMA	214	609	1,035	509	2,367	15.6%
PINAL	142	234	338	176	890	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	11	30	48	9	98	0.6%
YAVAPAI	36	158	230	118	542	3.5%
YUMA	56	115	127	86	384	2.5%
STATEWIDE	2,092	4,025	6,283	2,915	15,315	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.7%	26.3%	41.0%	19.0%	100.0%	

**CHART 16**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**TABLE 27**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	14	3	1	18	0.2%
COCHISE	4	160	83	13	260	2.6%
COCONINO	2	53	44	6	105	1.1%
GILA	2	60	27	4	93	0.9%
GRAHAM	1	19	10	1	31	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	1	1	0	2	<0.1%
LA PAZ	0	24	11	4	39	0.4%
MARICOPA	55	3,649	2,031	297	6,032	61.5%
MOHAVE	3	178	78	8	267	2.7%
NAVAJO	3	102	50	9	164	1.7%
PIMA	30	977	539	45	1,591	16.2%
PINAL	8	318	157	29	512	5.2%
SANTA CRUZ	0	31	17	4	52	0.5%
YAVAPAI	9	242	113	28	392	4.0%
YUMA	3	172	72	9	256	2.6%
STATEWIDE	120	6,000	3,236	458	9,814	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.2%	61.1%	33.0%	4.7%	100.0%	

**TABLE 28**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	22	10	0	32	0.2%
COCHISE	6	270	141	18	435	2.8%
COCONINO	2	131	70	18	221	1.4%
GILA	2	115	49	10	176	1.1%
GRAHAM	1	56	32	10	99	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	13	5	2	20	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	31	12	6	50	0.3%
MARICOPA	114	5,616	2,972	520	9,222	60.3%
MOHAVE	2	328	157	24	511	3.3%
NAVAJO	2	182	78	5	267	1.7%
PIMA	38	1,447	784	98	2,367	15.6%
PINAL	14	550	262	64	890	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	2	59	32	5	98	0.6%
YAVAPAI	4	344	167	27	542	3.5%
YUMA	3	265	91	25	384	2.5%
STATEWIDE	191	9,429	4,862	832	15,314	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.3%	61.6%	31.7%	5.4%	100.0%	

**SAFE HAVEN INFANTS**

There were no newborn infants delivered to Safe Haven providers during the October 2007 - March 2008 reporting period. This compares to one infant being delivered to Safe Haven providers during the April 2007 – September 2007 reporting period.

**CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE**

During this reporting period, 3,742 children entered care as compared to 3,924 children for the April 2007 through September 2007 reporting period. Chart 17 displays children entering out-of-home care by reporting period. The number of children entering out-of-home placement through voluntary foster care agreements for this reporting period was 408, which represents 10.9 percent of the children entering care this reporting period.

**CHART 17  
TOTAL CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**

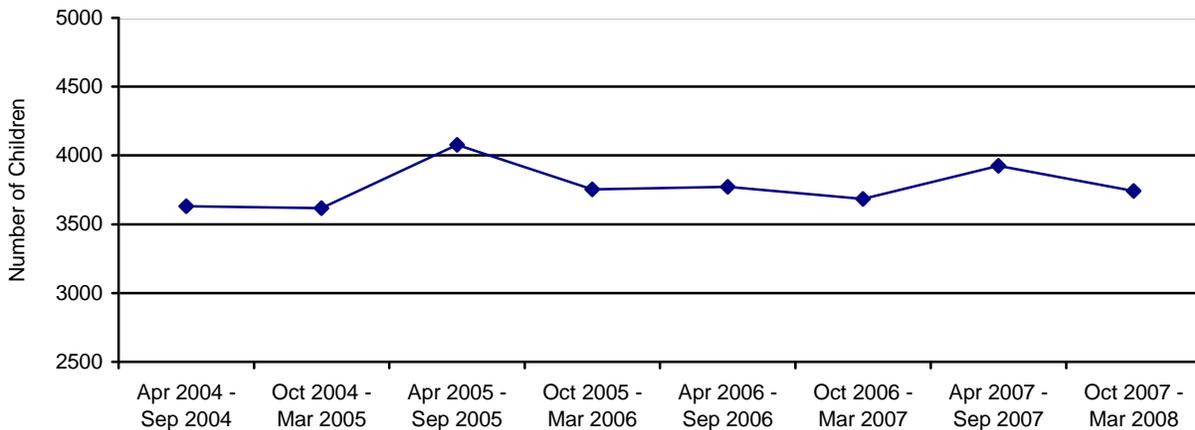


Table 29 shows the number of children entering out-of-home care through voluntary placements for the current reporting period by county. Voluntary foster care may be provided when the parents or legal guardians of a child have requested such assistance and have signed a legally binding written agreement, not to exceed 90 days, for the temporary placement of the child in foster care while risk factors are addressed to enable the child to live safely at home. A voluntary foster care agreement may be utilized only when the circumstances that brought the child into foster care are likely to be remedied within the 90 day period of time. A.R.S. §8-806 authorizes the Department to provide voluntary foster care placement for children for a period not to exceed 90 days and no more than twice within 24 consecutive months.

**TABLE 29  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY WHO ARE  
VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN FOR THE  
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS	% OF CHILDREN REMOVED WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	29	0.8%	8	27.6%
COCHISE	52	1.4%	2	3.8%
COCONINO	61	1.6%	11	18.0%
GILA	35	0.9%	0	0%
GRAHAM	11	0.3%	0	0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0%
LA PAZ	15	0.4%	12	80.0%
MARICOPA	1,999	53.4%	232	11.6%
MOHAVE	108	2.9%	39	36.1%
NAVAJO	57	1.5%	8	14.0%
PIMA	935	25.0%	73	7.8%
PINAL	192	5.1%	4	2.1%
SANTA CRUZ	14	0.4%	1	7.1%
YAVAPAI	153	4.1%	7	4.6%
YUMA	81	2.2%	11	13.6%
STATEWIDE	3,742	100.0%	408	10.9%

**TABLE 30  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY WHO ARE  
VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN FOR THE  
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS	% OF CHILDREN REMOVED WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	25	0.6%	6	24.0%
COCHISE	94	2.4%	10	10.6%
COCONINO	65	1.7%	5	7.7%
GILA	40	1.0%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	13	0.3%	2	15.4%
GREENLEE	10	0.3%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	13	0.3%	9	69.2%
MARICOPA	1,998	51.0%	265	13.3%
MOHAVE	119	3.0%	37	31.1%
NAVAJO	80	2.0%	16	20.0%
PIMA	951	24.2%	74	7.8%
PINAL	270	6.9%	7	2.6%
SANTA CRUZ	23	0.6%	2	8.7%
YAVAPAI	133	3.4%	9	6.8%
YUMA	90	2.3%	26	28.9%
STATEWIDE	3,924	100.0%	468	11.9%

The Department recognizes that the unwarranted re-entry into foster care is something to be avoided and continues to take steps to ensure that these re-entries are in the best interests of the child and family. In 2005 the Department began collaborating with the Chapin-Hall Center for Children on a measure to aid the Department in identifying key factors in re-entry into foster care. This will enable the Department to utilize cohort data and help to identify if changes are needed in policy or practices.

**TABLE 31**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE**  
**PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008<sup>3</sup>**

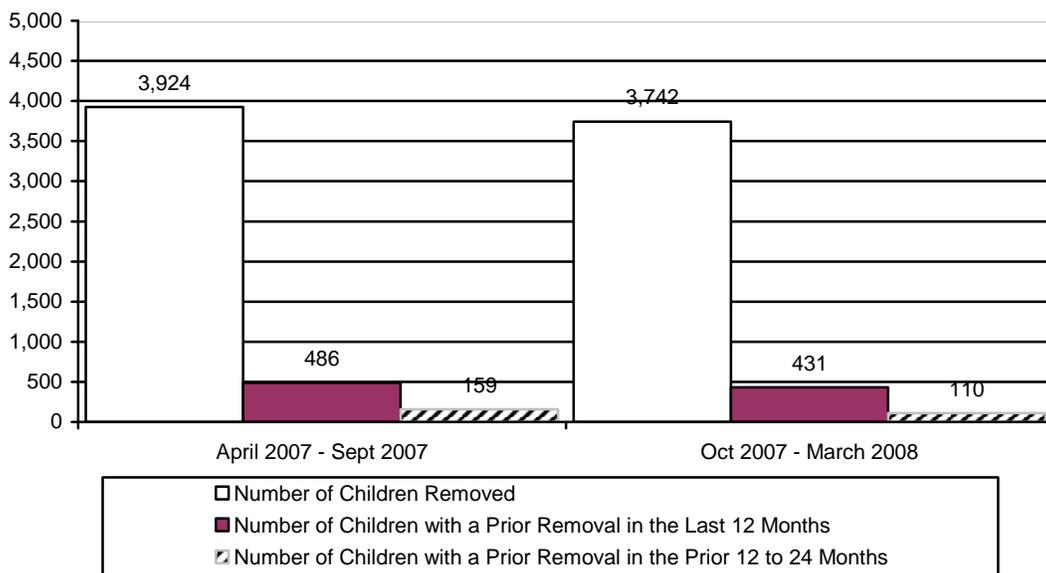
COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	29	0.8%	6	20.7%	1	3.4%
COCHISE	52	1.4%	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
COCONINO	61	1.6%	8	13.1%	2	3.3%
GILA	35	0.9%	1	2.9%	1	2.9%
GRAHAM	11	0.3%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	15	0.4%	2	13.3%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	1,999	53.4%	237	11.9%	64	3.2%
MOHAVE	108	2.9%	28	25.9%	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	57	1.5%	7	12.3%	0	0.0%
PIMA	935	25.0%	100	10.7%	32	3.4%
PINAL	192	5.1%	20	10.4%	5	2.6%
SANTA CRUZ	14	0.4%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	153	4.1%	12	7.8%	1	0.7%
YUMA	81	2.2%	6	7.4%	3	3.7%
STATEWIDE	3,742	100.0%	431	11.5%	110	2.9%

<sup>3</sup> These numbers differ from those reported in the April, 1 2006 through September 30, 2006 report. This is due to a change in the methodology for calculating the numbers. The new methodology is consistent with federal methodologies.

**TABLE 32**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE**  
**PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	25	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	94	2.4%	13	13.8%	3	3.2%
COCONINO	65	1.7%	6	9.2%	2	3.1%
GILA	40	1.0%	6	15.0%	1	2.5%
GRAHAM	13	0.3%	2	15.4%	1	7.7%
GREENLEE	10	0.3%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	13	0.3%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	1,998	51.0%	276	13.8%	68	3.4%
MOHAVE	119	3.0%	21	17.6%	4	3.4%
NAVAJO	80	2.0%	6	7.5%	4	5.0%
PIMA	951	24.2%	117	12.3%	48	5.0%
PINAL	270	6.9%	16	5.9%	13	4.8%
SANTA CRUZ	23	0.6%	3	13.0%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	133	3.4%	7	5.3%	10	7.5%
YUMA	90	2.3%	10	11.1%	5	5.6%
STATEWIDE	3,924	100.0%	486	12.4%	159	4.1%

**CHART 18**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE**

On March 31, 2008, there were 9,721 children in out-of-home care as compared to 9,701 children on September 30, 2007, an increase of 20 children. During this reporting period, 7,462 children or 76.8 percent were placed in family settings either with relatives or in foster homes. This compares to 7,317 or 75.4 percent of the children in the prior reporting period.

**CHART 19  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD BY REPORTING PERIOD**

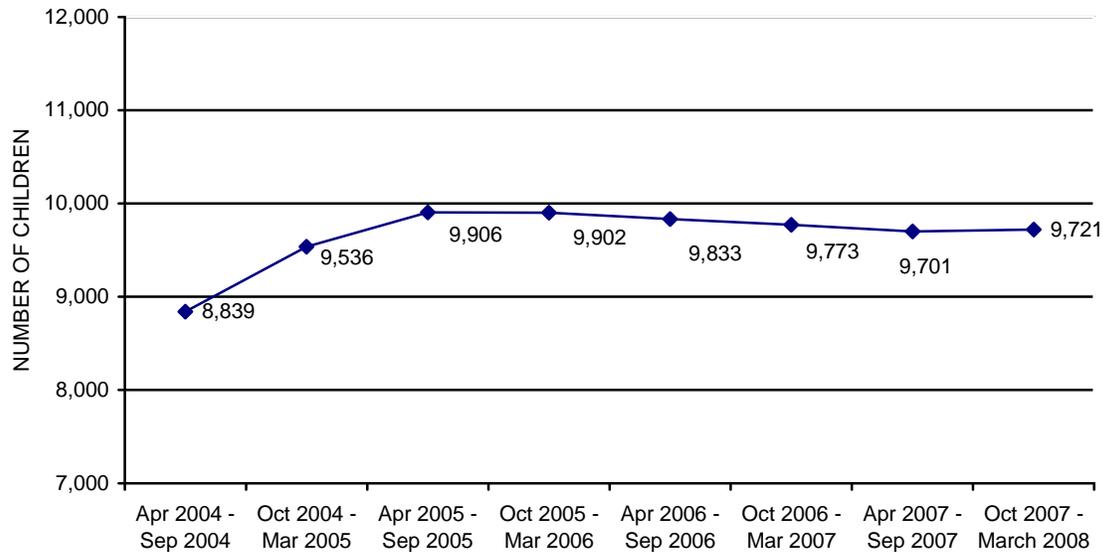
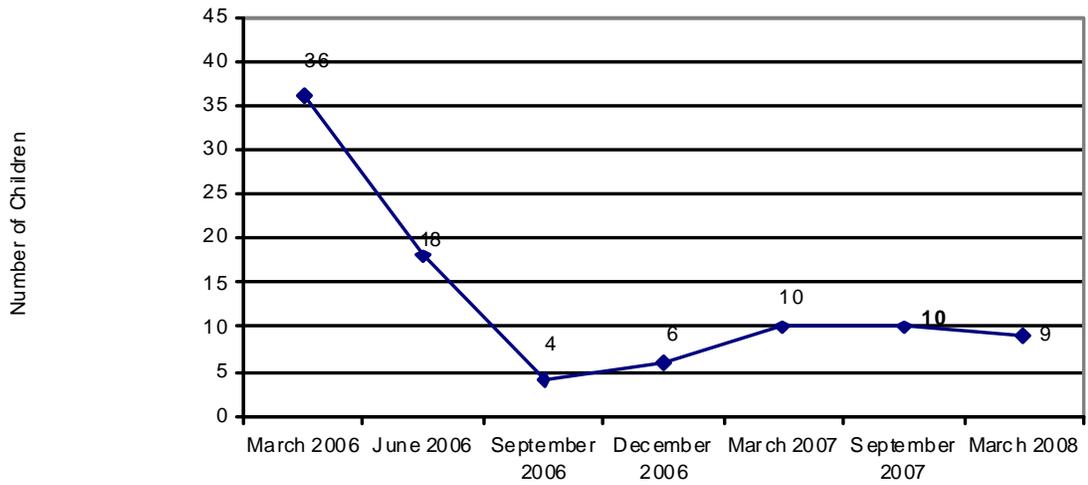


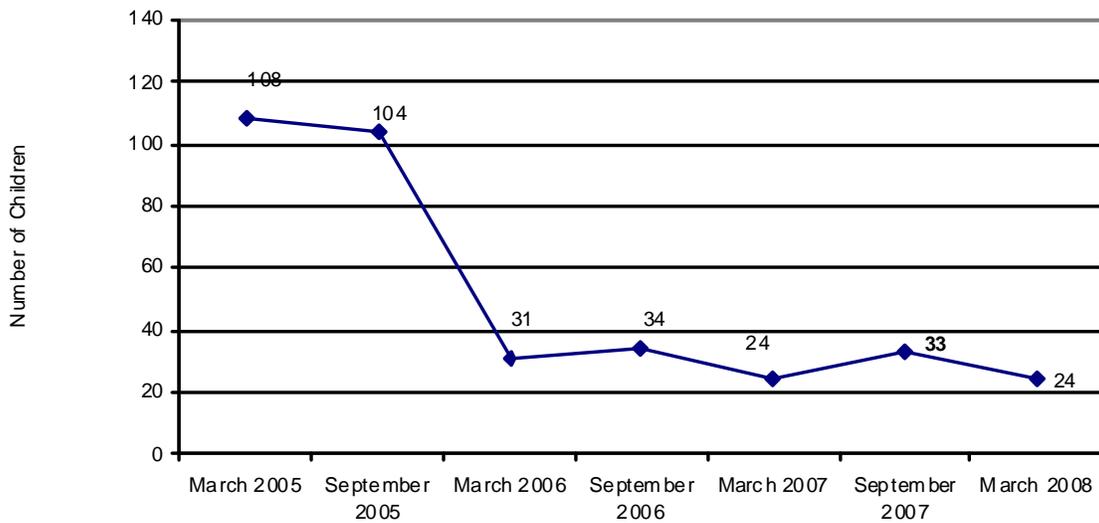
Chart 20 displays the decrease in the number of young children ages 0-6 placed in group homes. Comparing March 2006 to March 2008, the number of young children in group homes decreased by 27 children or 75.0 percent.

Chart 21 displays the decrease in the number of young children ages 0-3 placed in shelter care. Comparing March 2005 to March 2008, the number of young children in shelters decreased by 84 children or 77.8 percent. Chart 22 shows that the average length of time in shelter care continues to decrease; comparing September 2006 to September 2007, the average length of stay in shelter increased from 72 to 78 days, a decrease of 6 days or 8.3 percent.

**CHART 20**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES AGES 0 TO 6<sup>4</sup>**

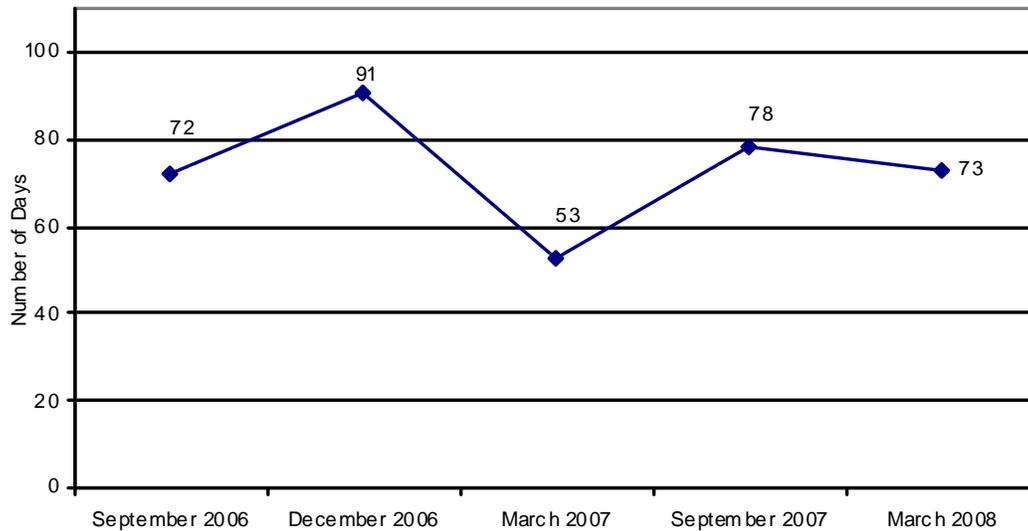


**CHART 21**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER CARE AGES 0 TO 3**



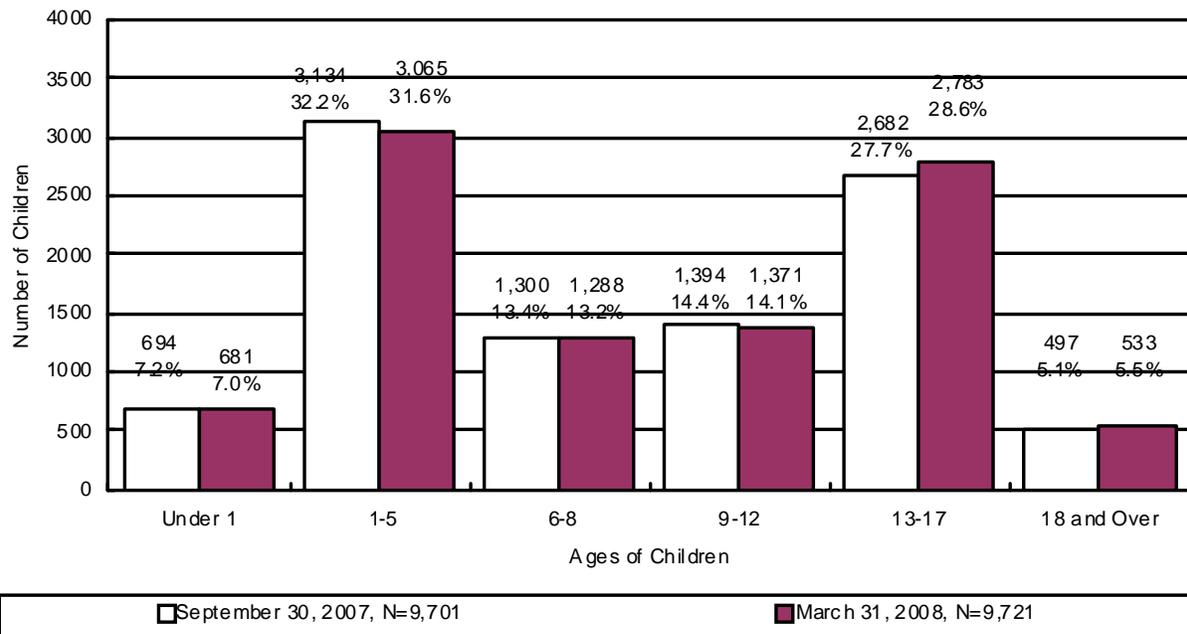
<sup>4</sup> Excludes infants placed with their mothers and children placed in foster home group models

**CHART 22**  
**AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 3, EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE WHO WERE IN A SHELTER PLACEMENT ON THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD<sup>5</sup>**



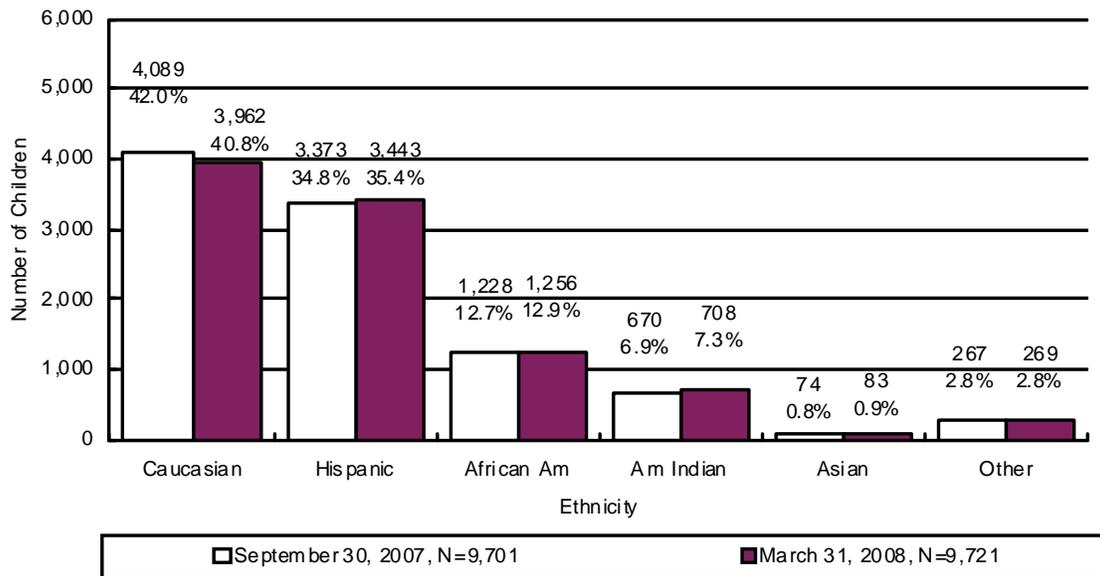
The majority of children in out-of-home care fall within the 1-5 age range (31.6 percent) and the 13-17 age range (28.6 percent). The majority of children in out-of-home care are either Caucasian (40.8 percent) or Hispanic (35.4 percent), followed by African American at 12.9 percent.

**CHART 23**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE**



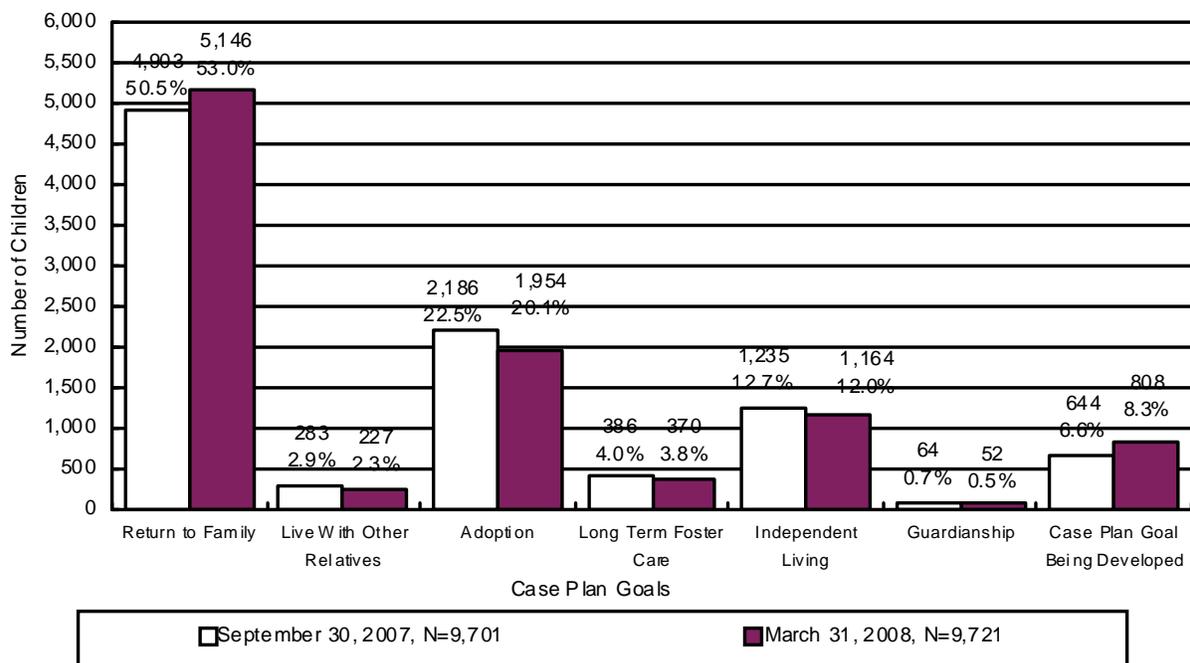
<sup>5</sup> The September 2007 number has been revised.

**CHART 24**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY**

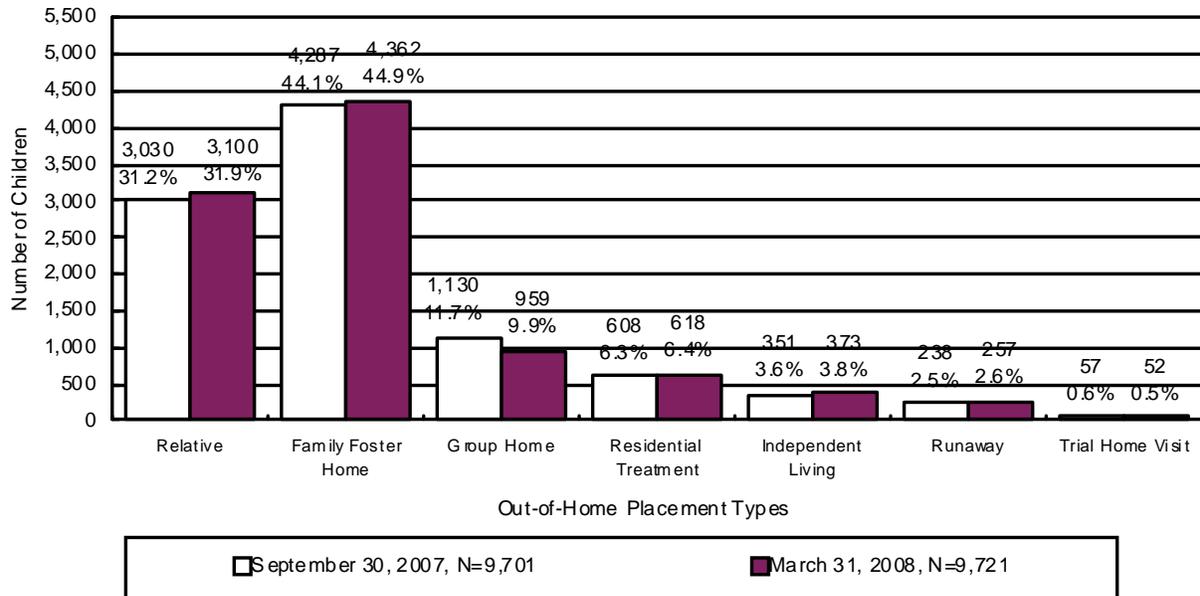


For 52.8 percent of the children in out-of-home care, family reunification remains the primary case plan goal. This is followed by: adoption, 20.2 percent; independent living, 12.0 percent; long-term foster care, 3.8 percent; live with other relative, 2.3 percent; and, guardianship at 0.5 percent. For the remaining 8.3 percent of the children, the case plan goal is in the process of development.

**CHART 25**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL**



**CHART 26**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE**



**TABLE 33  
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE AND AGE**

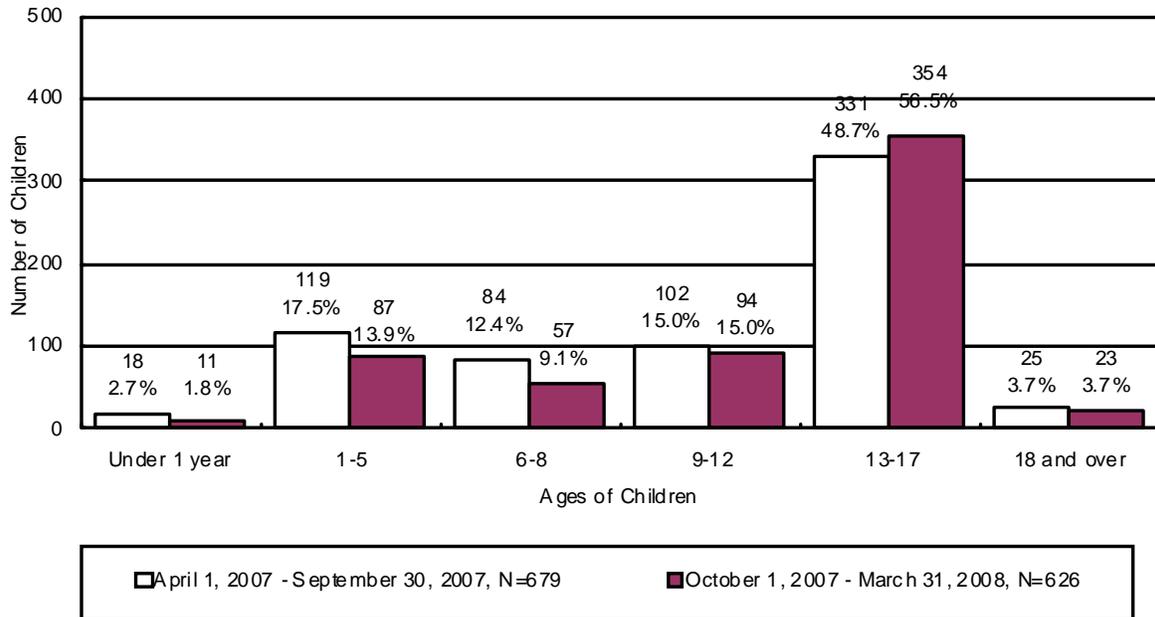
	RELATIVE	FAMILY FOSTER	GROUP HOME	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT <sup>6</sup>	INDEPENDENT LIVING	RUNAWAY <sup>7</sup>	TRIAL HOME VISIT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
<b>UNDER 1</b>	239	425	4	10	0	1	2	681	7.0%
<b>1</b>	347	485	7	7	0	2	6	854	8.8%
<b>2</b>	288	353	2	8	0	0	6	657	6.8%
<b>3</b>	277	293	1	7	0	1	6	585	6.0%
<b>4</b>	233	257	5	5	0	0	2	502	5.2%
<b>5</b>	219	236	3	5	0	2	2	467	4.8%
<b>6</b>	182	283	5	7	0	0	0	477	4.9%
<b>7</b>	176	221	7	6	0	0	2	412	4.2%
<b>8</b>	146	225	16	9	0	1	2	399	4.1%
<b>9</b>	155	194	19	12	0	0	1	381	3.9%
<b>10</b>	127	179	29	7	0	1	2	345	3.5%
<b>11</b>	102	175	40	14	0	0	2	333	3.4%
<b>12</b>	101	138	48	22	0	1	2	312	3.2%
<b>13</b>	94	151	83	43	0	4	2	377	3.9%
<b>14</b>	108	151	114	64	0	15	1	453	4.7%
<b>15</b>	90	166	142	111	0	47	7	563	5.8%
<b>16</b>	99	172	193	109	0	65	4	642	6.6%
<b>17</b>	100	197	202	130	17	99	3	748	7.7%
<b>18 AND OLDER</b>	17	61	39	42	356	18	0	533	5.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,100	4,362	959	618	373	257	52	9,721	100.0%
<b>% OF TOTAL</b>	31.9%	44.9%	9.9%	6.4%	3.8%	2.6%	0.5%	100.0%	

<sup>6</sup> This category includes shelter, detention, and hospital placement types.

<sup>7</sup> Of the children age twelve or less on runaway status, all were last reported to be with their parents. Police reports have been filed but the families have not been located.

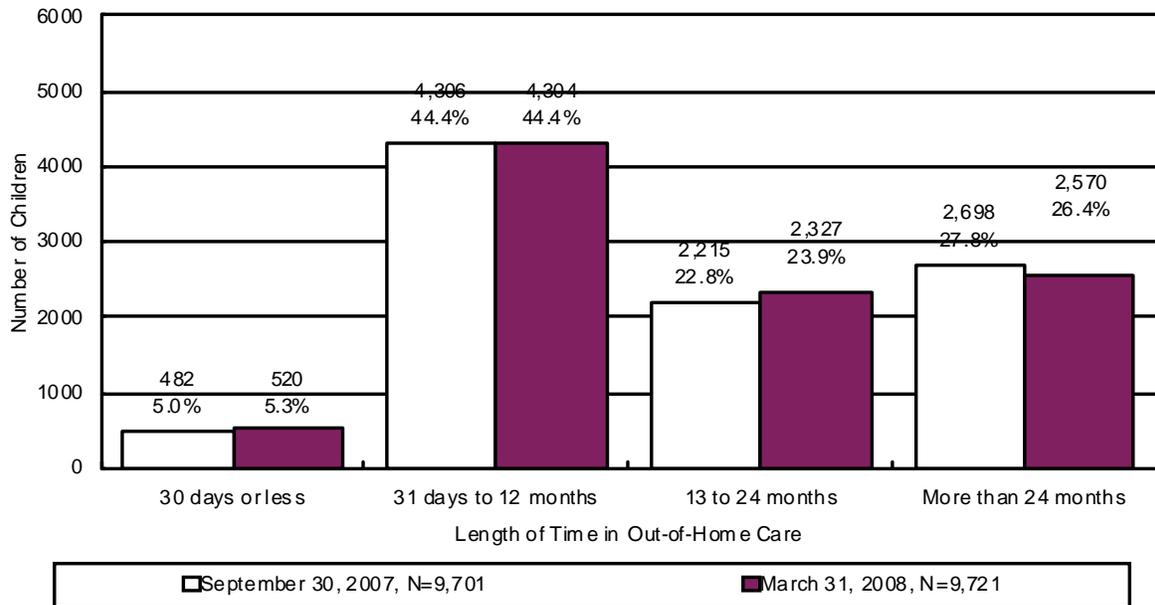
During the reporting period 626 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. Chart 27 displays children in shelter greater than 21 days for the period of October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 and shows that 528 or 84.3 percent of the children were six years of age or older. In addition, 11 or 1.8 percent of the children were under one year old.

**CHART 27**  
**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD<sup>8</sup>**



<sup>8</sup> The chart displays children who spent more than 21 days in shelter during the period. This number differs from the other out-of-home charts as they display children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period.

**CHART 28**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE**



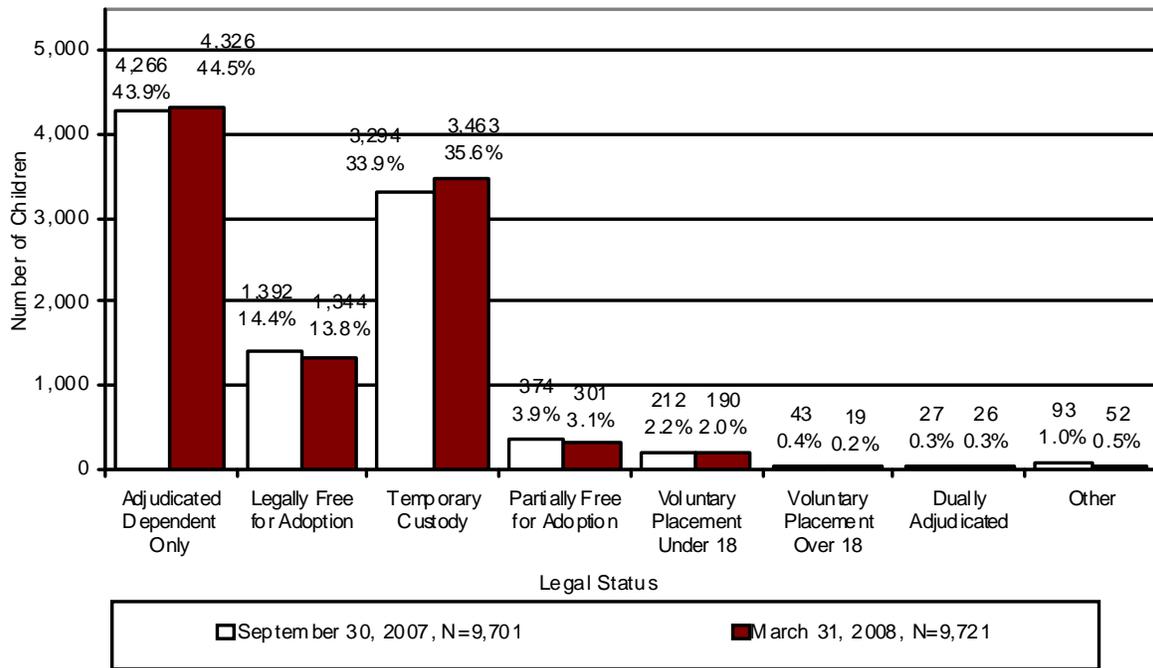
For the children in out-of-home care on March 31, 2008 the average number of placements was 3.1, the median number of placements was 2.0, and the range for the number of placements was 1 to 45 placements during their current removal episode.

**TABLE 34**  
**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN**  
**OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON March 31, 2008**

	Placements
<b>Average</b>	3.1
<b>Median</b>	2.0
<b>Range Minimum</b>	1
<b>Range Maximum</b>	45 <sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Some children are so damaged by the severity of the abuse they have suffered that they become unable to form meaningful relationships or to respond to services. These children tend to go through multiple placements with numerous individuals and agencies.

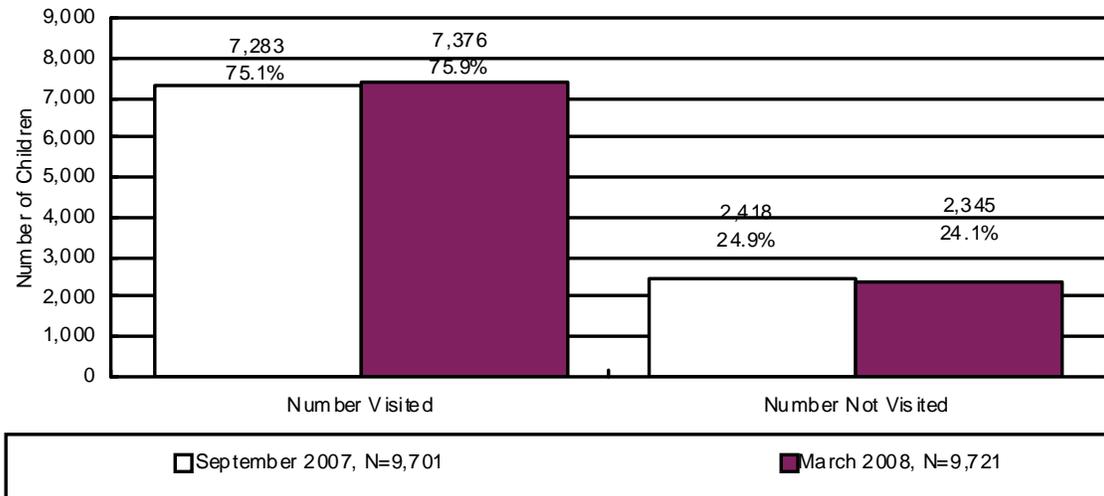
**CHART 29  
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LEGAL STATUS**



At the end of the reporting period there were 9,721 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was accurately documented in the automated system for 7,376 children. As displayed in Chart 30, during this reporting period, the percent of children receiving required visits by their CPS specialists increased by 0.8 percent to 75.9 percent.

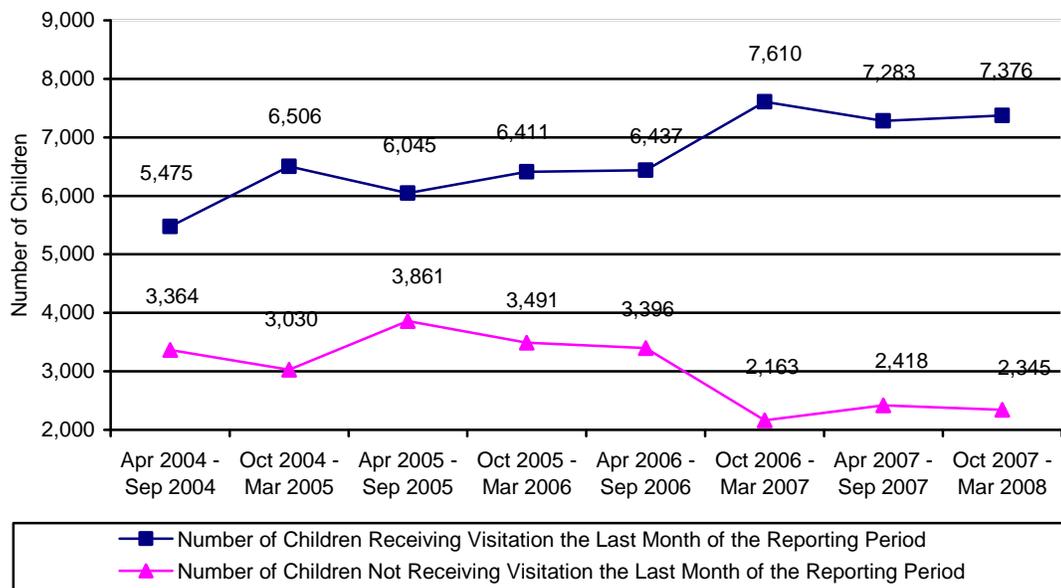
The required child visitation is performed monthly by DES case managers, contracted case managers, and/or other professionals as approved by a supervisor or as established by policy. The Department has verified that more children received the required visitation than is indicated in Chart 30. This information is clearly documented in the automated case notes. However, the Department is unable to compile and tabulate data based solely upon case note text. The Department continues to issue instructions to all direct service staff regarding the system requirements for capturing all visitations. A child was deemed to have received the required visitation if the child received the visitation during the last month of the reporting period.

**CHART 30**  
**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION**



According to Administration for Children, Youth and Families policy, case managers shall have face-to-face contact with all parents at least once a month, including any alleged parents and parents residing outside of the child’s home where the case plan goal is family reunification or remain with family. During the reporting period, there were 1,645 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring visitation, 1,025 or 62.3 percent received the required visitation. The 62.3 percent visitation rate does not reflect attempted visitation where contact did not take place.

**CHART 31**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING AND NOT RECEIVING VISITATION BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**FOSTER HOMES**

As of March 31, 2008, there were 3,592 licensed foster homes with 6,283 spaces available for Administration for Children, Youth and Families placements. Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, receiving foster homes, and developmentally disabled homes with DCYF children placed in them.

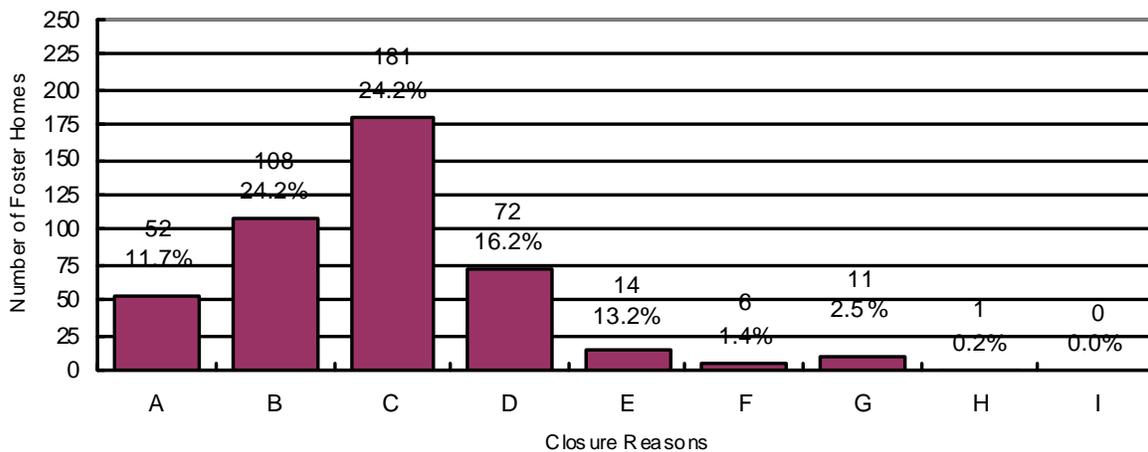
Foster home licenses specify the age range, gender and maximum number of children that can be placed in a home. Foster parents, in consultation with the licensing worker, decide the type of physical, behavioral, and psychological needs of children they can effectively parent based upon their own skill level, experiences, and desires.

As of March 31, 2008, there were 2,108 unused spaces within these foster homes. Of the unused spaces, a match between the available spaces and children’s needs was not possible.

During the reporting period, 794 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 445 homes left the system. This compares to 435 new homes being licensed and 100 homes leaving the system for the period covering April 2007 through September 2007.

The chart below gives the reasons for foster home closures for the period of October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

**CHART 32  
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**



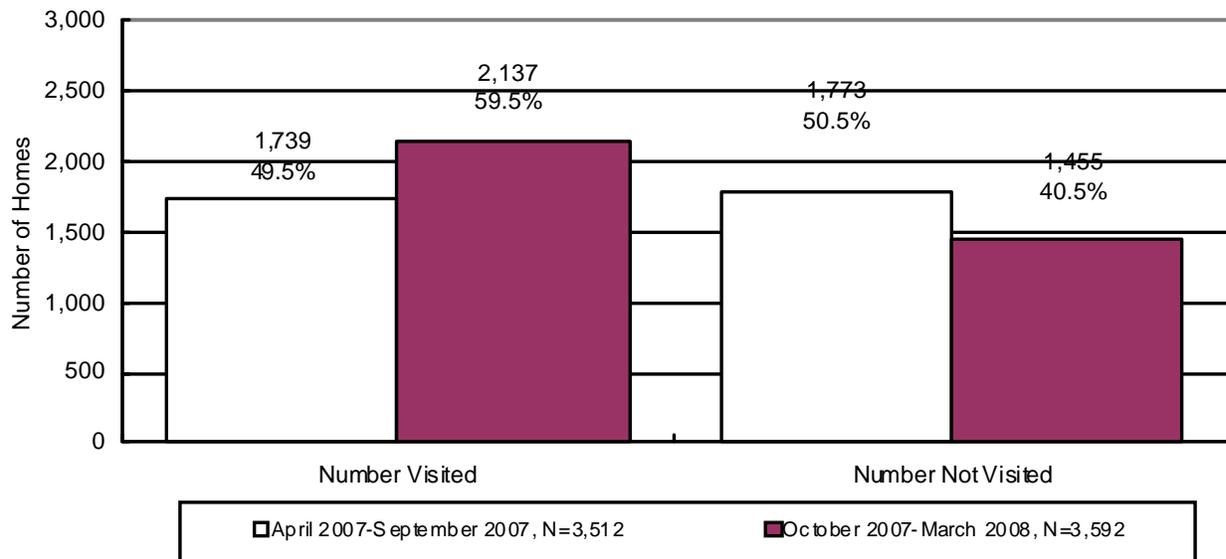
N=445

- A = Personal or Family Issues or Problems**
- B = Other or Foster Parent Did Not State Reason**
- C = Non-Compliance with Licensing Requirements**
- D = Adoption of Foster Child**
- E = Family Relocation**
- F = Child Left Care**
- G = Philosophical Disagreement**
- H = Behavior of Child**

**I = Transfer to Division of Developmental Disabilities**

During the reporting period, there were 3,592 foster homes that required visitation. Of the 3,592 foster homes requiring visitation, 2,137 foster homes received their required visitation. This compares to 1,739 or 49.5 percent of the foster homes that received the required visitation for the period April 2007 through September 2007. The Department believes that more foster homes received the required visitation than is indicated in the chart below. The underreporting of foster home visitation is attributable to the lack of automation being used in reporting the foster home visitation process. The Department recognizes this as a problem and is working to correct this issue.

**CHART 33  
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER HOMES WHO RECEIVED THE  
REQUIRED VISITATION\***



\*Required visitations to foster homes, for license monitoring purposes, are performed by licensing case managers.

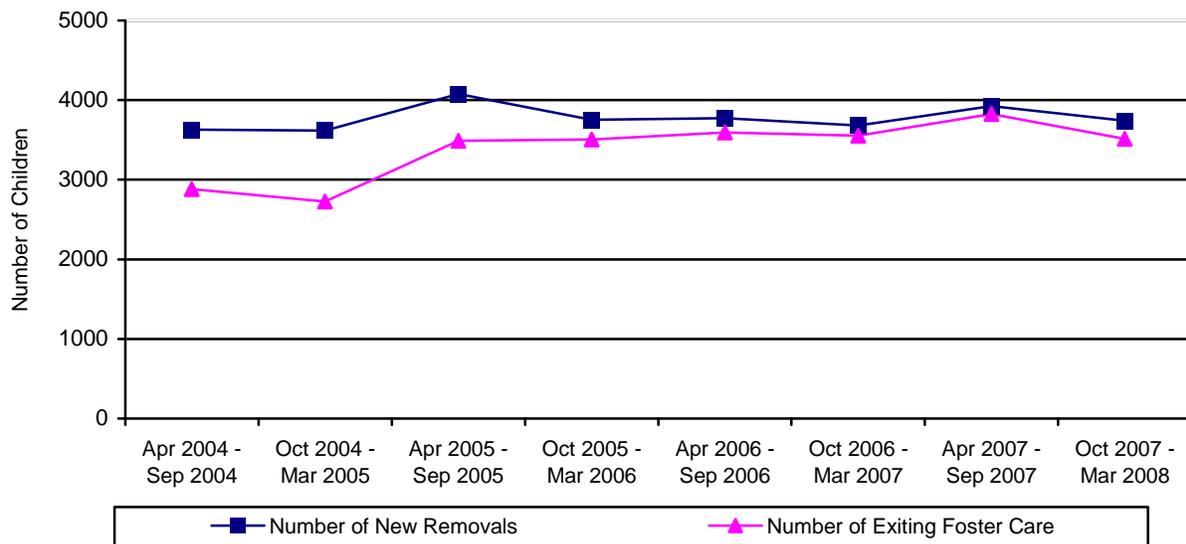
**CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF HOME CARE**

During the reporting period, 3,512 children left the custody of the Department. This compares to 3,824 children exiting care during the prior reporting period. The comparison between the two reporting periods shows that 8.2 percent fewer children left care this reporting period for a decrease of 312 children exiting care.

**TABLE 35  
CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PERIOD**

REPORTING PERIOD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED	% CHANGE OVER PRIOR PERIOD
APRIL 2004 – SEPTEMBER 2004	2,883	+8.6%
OCTOBER 2004 – MARCH 2005	2,726	-5.4%
APRIL 2005 – SEPTEMBER 2005	3,488	+28.0%
OCTOBER 2005 – MARCH 2006	3,506	+0.5%
APRIL 2006 – SEPTEMBER 2006	3,595	+2.5%
OCTOBER 2006 – MARCH 2007	3,553	-1.2%
APRIL 2007 – SEPTEMBER 2007	3,824	+7.6%
OCTOBER 2007 – MARCH 2008	3,512	-8.2

**CHART 34  
CHILDREN ENTERING AND EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



The following nine tables depict the children who exited out-of-home care by the reason for leaving care. The tables display the following information: reasons the child left custody, their age, their ethnicity, the number of placements each child had, and the length of time in out-of-home care.

**TABLE 36  
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE  
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	225	6.4%
Ages 1 – 5	1,250	35.5%
Ages 6 – 8	462	13.2%
Ages 9 – 12	547	15.6%
Ages 13 – 17	740	21.1%
18 and Over	288	8.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	1,443	41.0%
Hispanic	1,194	34.0%
African American	452	12.9%
American Indian	278	7.9%
Asian	34	1.0%
Other	111	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	1,834	52.3%
Two	737	21.0%
Three	393	11.2%
Four	212	6.0%
Five	103	2.9%
More than Five	233	6.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	952	27.1%
31 Days to 12 Months	954	27.2%
13 to 24 Months	786	22.4%
More than 24 Months	820	23.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	8.7	7.8
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.4	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	15.4	10.7

**TABLE 37**  
**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY**  
**FOR REASON OF “REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER” FOR**  
**THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	188	10.4%
Ages 1 - 5	604	33.2%
Ages 6 – 8	246	13.6%
Ages 9 - 12	313	17.3%
Ages 13 - 17	459	25.3%
18 and Over	4	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	751	41.4%
Hispanic	593	32.6%
African American	246	13.6%
American Indian	131	7.2%
Asian	21	1.2%
Other	72	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	1,205	66.3%
Two	355	19.6%
Three	136	7.5%
Four	61	3.4%
Five	23	1.3%
More than Five	34	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	781	43.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	677	37.3%
13 to 24 Months	264	14.6%
More than 24 Months	92	5.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	8.0	7.3
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.6	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	6.6	2.5

**TABLE 38  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	9	13.4%
Ages 1 - 5	23	34.4%
Ages 6 – 8	7	10.4%
Ages 9 - 12	15	22.4%
Ages 13 - 17	12	17.9%
18 and Over	1	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	27	40.3%
Hispanic	20	29.9%
African American	9	13.4%
American Indian	8	11.9%
Asian	1	1.5%
Other	2	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	58	86.5%
Two	6	9.0%
Three	2	3.0%
Four	1	1.5%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	52	77.6%
31 Days to 12 Months	13	19.4%
13 to 24 Months	0	0.0%
More than 24 Months	2	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	7.6	7.5
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.2	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	1.8	0.1

**TABLE 39  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES  
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF "ADOPTION" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	3	0.4%
Ages 1 - 5	443	58.0%
Ages 6 – 8	138	18.0%
Ages 9 - 12	133	17.4%
Ages 13 - 17	47	6.1%
18 and Over	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	318	41.7%
Hispanic	287	37.5%
African American	102	13.3%
American Indian	42	5.5%
Asian	8	1.0%
Other	8	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	227	29.7%
Two	215	28.1%
Three	160	20.9%
Four	79	10.3%
Five	40	5.2%
More than Five	44	5.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	6	0.8%
13 to 24 Months	272	35.6%
More than 24 Months	487	63.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	6.0	4.9
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.6	2.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	29.7	27.5

**TABLE 40**  
**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY**  
**FOR REASON OF “GUARDIANSHIP” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD**  
**ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	8	2.2%
Ages 1 - 5	125	34.2%
Ages 6 – 8	54	14.8%
Ages 9 - 12	69	18.9%
Ages 13 - 17	109	29.9%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	134	36.7%
Hispanic	132	36.2%
African American	35	9.6%
American Indian	47	12.9%
Asian	3	0.8%
Other	14	3.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	181	49.6%
Two	92	25.2%
Three	38	10.4%
Four	30	8.2%
Five	16	4.4%
More than Five	8	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	39	10.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	120	32.9%
13 to 24 Months	150	41.1%
More than 24 Months	56	15.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	9.0	8.9
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.1	2.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	15.4	14.4

**TABLE 41  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASONS OF "REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 - 5	0	0.0%
Ages 6 - 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 - 12	0	0.0%
Ages 13 - 17	1	0.4%
18 and Over	275	99.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	134	48.5%
Hispanic	79	28.6%
African American	33	12.0%
American Indian	25	9.1%
Asian	1	0.4%
Other	4	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	31	11.2%
Two	26	9.4%
Three	38	13.8%
Four	32	11.6%
Five	18	6.5%
More than Five	131	47.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	4	1.4%
31 Days to 12 Months	50	18.1%
13 to 24 Months	63	22.8%
More than 24 Months	159	57.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	18.6	18.0
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	7.3	5.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	40.7	29.9

**TABLE 42  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	16	12.3%
Ages 1 – 5	52	40.0%
Ages 6 – 8	17	13.1%
Ages 9 – 12	15	11.5%
Ages 13 – 17	27	20.8%
18 and Over	3	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	54	41.5%
Hispanic	37	28.5%
African American	14	10.8%
American Indian	20	15.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	5	3.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	66	50.8%
Two	33	25.4%
Three	16	12.3%
Four	6	4.6%
Five	3	2.3%
More than Five	6	4.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	23	17.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	67	51.5%
13 to 24 Months	24	18.5%
More than 24 Months	16	12.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	7.1	5.7
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.1	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	12.6	7.0

**TABLE 43  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "RUNAWAY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 – 5	1	1.1%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 – 12	1	1.1%
Ages 13 – 17	85	93.4%
18 and Over	4	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	25	27.5%
Hispanic	44	48.3%
African American	13	14.3%
American Indian	4	4.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	5	5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	62	68.1%
Two	10	11.0%
Three	3	3.3%
Four	3	3.3%
Five	3	3.3%
More than Five	10	11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	53	58.2%
31 Days to 12 Months	18	19.8%
13 to 24 Months	12	13.2%
More than 24 Months	8	8.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	16.3	16.6
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.3	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	6.9	0.2

**TABLE 44**  
**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY**  
**FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING**  
**MARCH 31, 2008**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	1	25.0%
Ages 1 - 5	2	50.0%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 - 12	1	25.0%
Ages 13 - 17	0	0.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	0	0.0%
Hispanic	2	50.0%
African American	0	0.0%
American Indian	1	25.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	1	25.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	4	100.0%
Two	0	0.0%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	3	75.0%
13 to 24 Months	1	25.0%
More than 24 Months	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	3.9	2.4
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.0	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	7.7	6.5

**TABLE 45  
CHILDREN EXITING CARE FOR REASON OF DEATH BY CAUSE OF DEATH,  
PLACEMENT TYPE AT TIME OF DEATH, AND COUNTY**

COUNTY	CAUSE OF DEATH	TYPE OF PLACEMENT AT TIME OF DEATH
Maricopa	Pending Autopsy	Family Foster home
Maricopa	Pending Autopsy	Family Foster home
Maricopa	Pre-existing medical condition	Family Foster home
Maricopa	Pre-existing medical condition	Family Foster home

**TABLE 46  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN AN OPEN CASE WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED  
ABUSE AS CATEGORIZED BY THE CUSTODIAL RELATIONSHIP AND COUNTY FOR THE  
PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2008**

COUNTY	BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S)	OTHER FAMILY MEMBER	ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)	FOSTER CARE PARENT(S)	OTHER OUT-OF-HOME CARE PROVIDER	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	1	0	0	0	0	1	50.0%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	1	0	0	0	0	1	50.0%
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	2	0	0	0	0	2	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	100.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

There were no children in an open case who died as a result of abuse from a household adult not accounted for in the prior table.

**CHILDREN WITH ADOPTIVE CASE PLAN GOALS**

Of the 9,721 children in out-of-home care on March 31, 2008, 1,954 or 20.1 percent had a case plan goal of adoption. The majority of those children, 47.6 percent, are in the 1-5 year old age range, followed by 20.3 percent in the 6-8 year old age range, and 19.0 percent in the 9-12 year old age range. The remaining children, 255 or 13.1 percent, fall within the under one or 13 and over age range. The majority of these children are Caucasian (832 or 42.6 percent), Hispanic (717 or 36.7 percent), or African American (260 or 13.3 percent). The remaining 145 children or 7.4 percent are American Indian, Asian or other. Sixty-eight and eight tenths of a percent, or 1,344 of the children free for adoption, are currently placed in their adoptive homes.

**TABLE 47  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008**

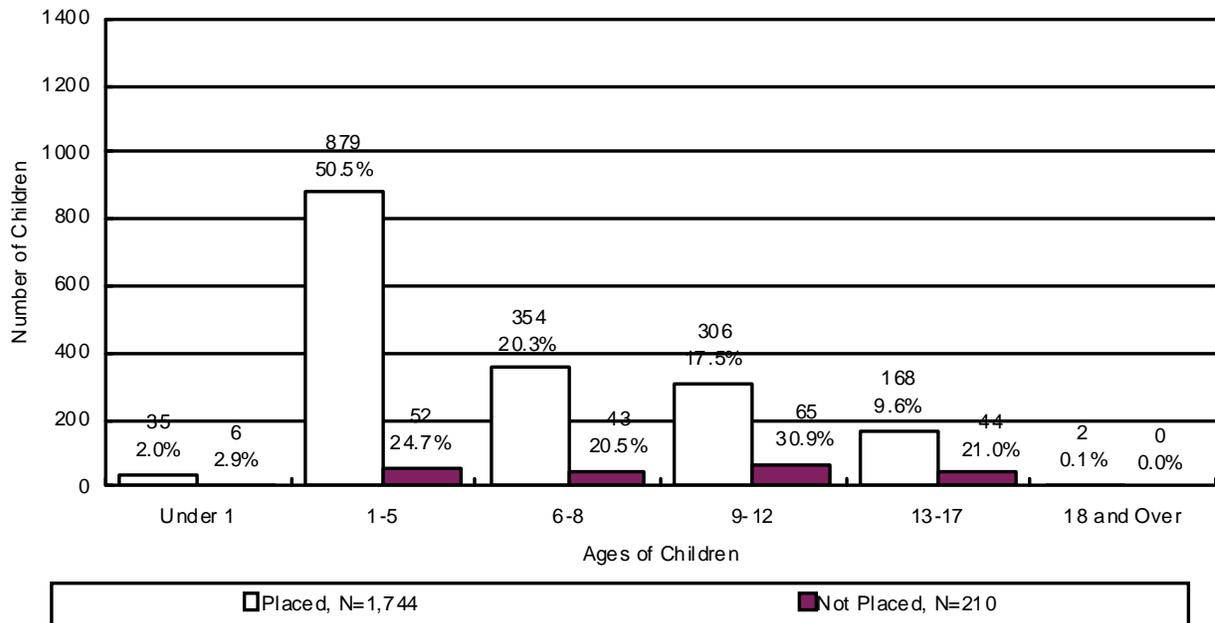
COUNTY	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS DENIED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED IN PART/DENIED IN PART	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS WITHDRAWN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	5	0	0	0	5	1.0%
COCHISE	12	0	0	4	16	3.1%
COCONINO	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%
GILA	3	0	0	0	3	0.6%
GRAHAM	3	0	0	0	3	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	139	0	0	8	147	28.8%
MOHAVE	25	0	2	0	27	5.3%
NAVAJO	11	0	0	0	11	2.2%
PIMA	210	0	1	6	217	42.4%
PINAL	11	0	0	1	12	2.4%
SANTA CRUZ	7	0	0	0	7	1.4%
YAVAPAI	48	0	0	2	50	9.8%
YUMA	9	0	0	2	11	2.2%
STATEWIDE	484	0	3	23	510	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	94.9%	0.0%	0.6%	4.5%	100.0%	

The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 2 years, 5 months. There were a total of 1,954 children with case plan goals of adoption during this reporting period. Of this total, 1,744 were placed and 210 were not placed. The population of children with case plan goals of adoption averaged 3.3 placements and had a median placement count of 2.0. Their placement count ranged from 1 to 23.

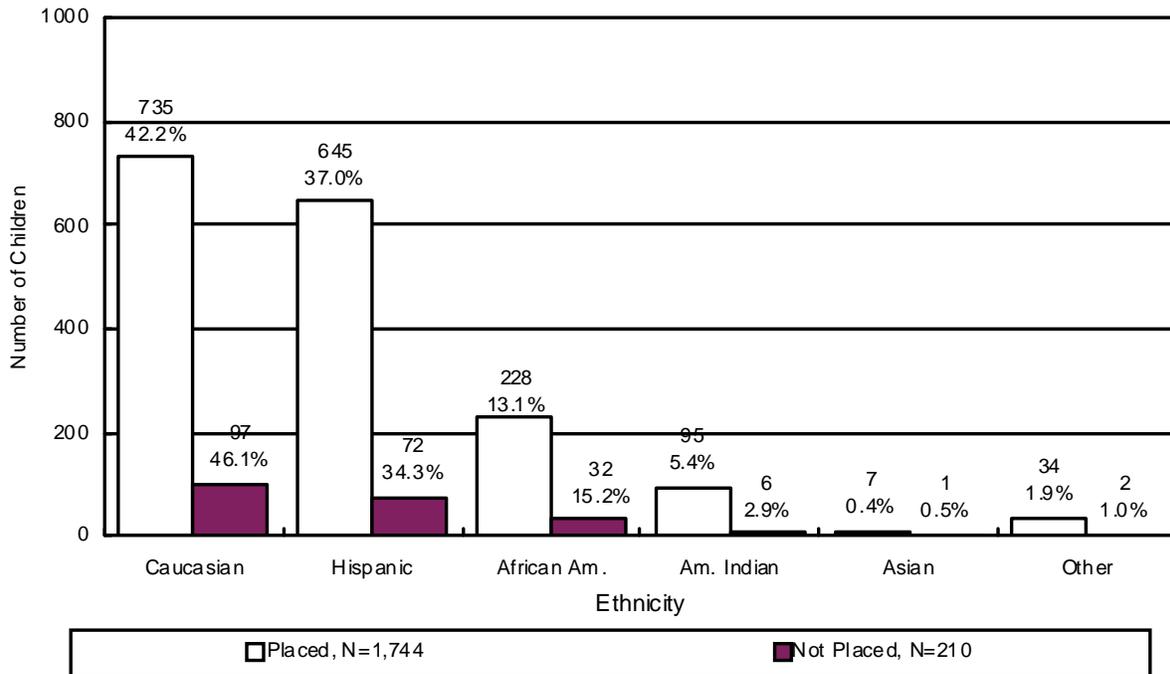
**TABLE 48**  
**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION**

	<b>Placements</b>
<b>Average</b>	3.3
<b>Median</b>	2.0
<b>Range Minimum</b>	1.0
<b>Range Maximum</b>	23.0

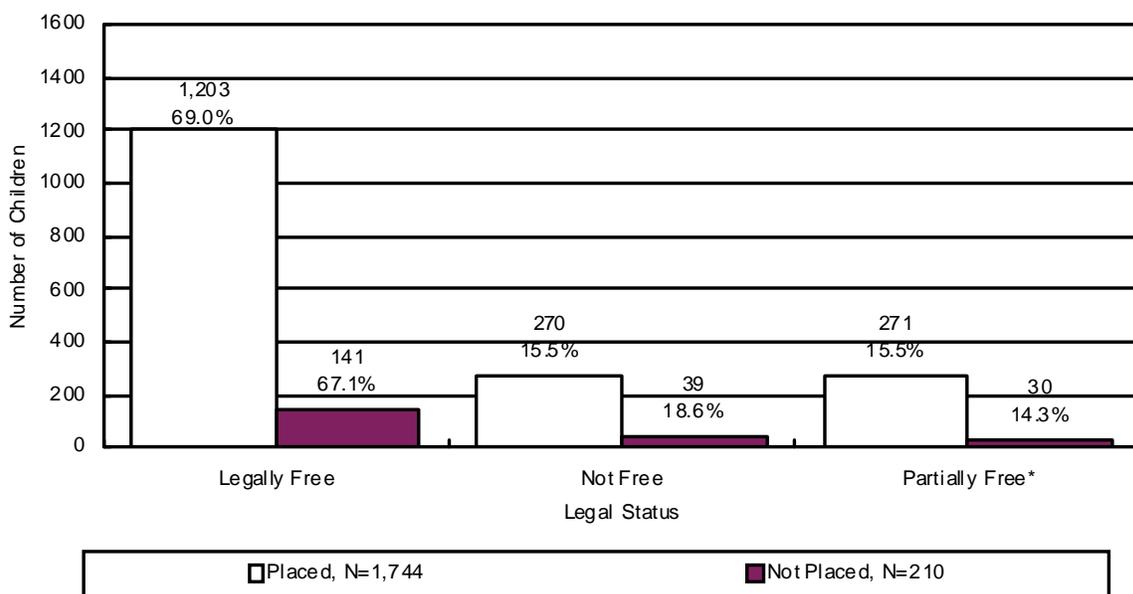
**CHART 35**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY AGE**



**CHART 36**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY**

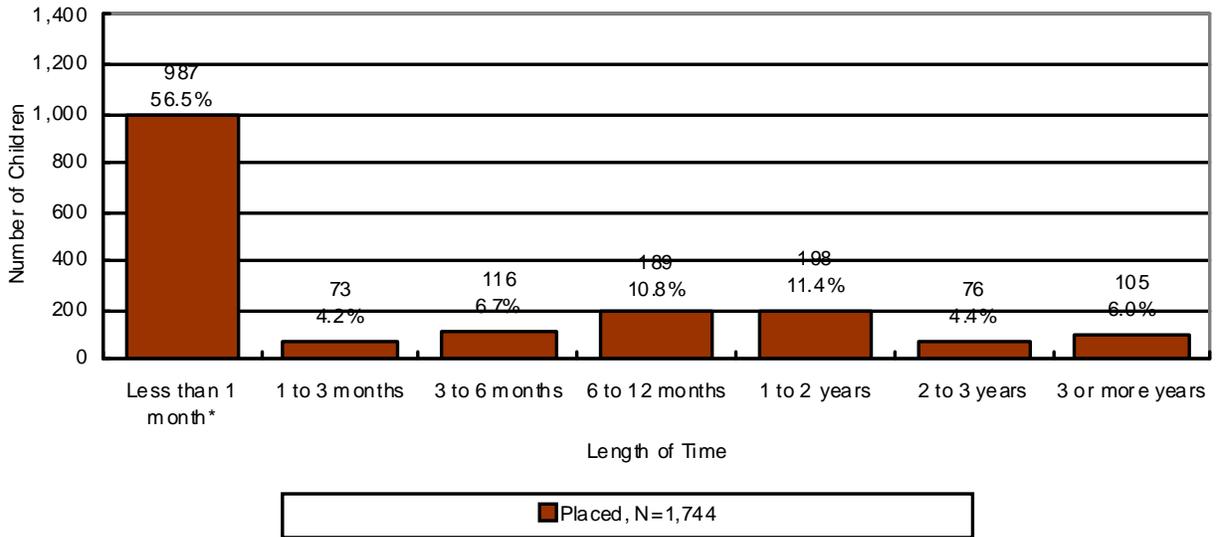


**CHART 37**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS**



\*Partially free refers to a situation where only one of the parent’s rights has been severed.

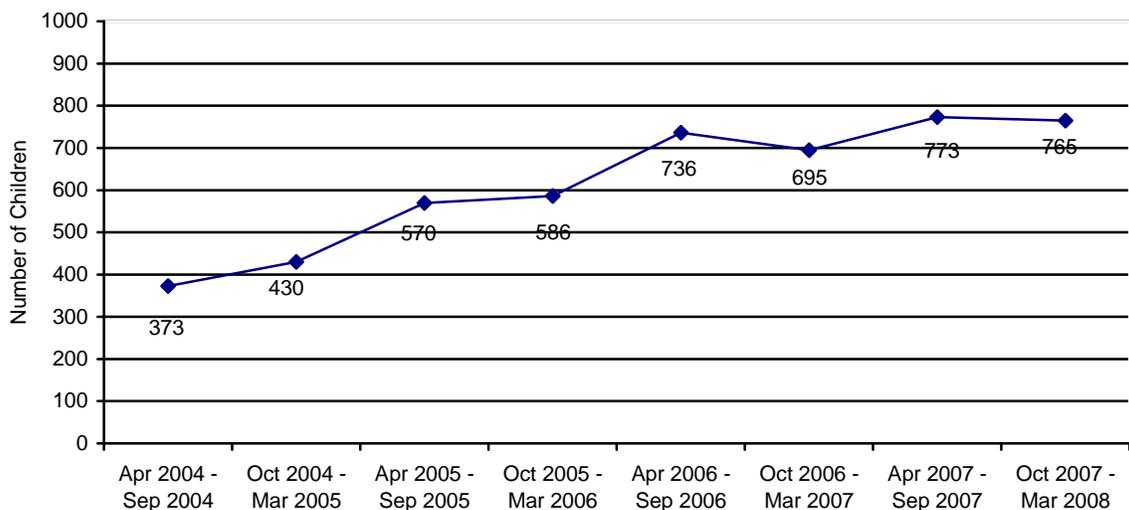
**CHART 38**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE OF CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**



\*About 70 percent of children are adopted by relatives or their foster parents and are already in their prospective adoptive placement at the time the case plan goal changes to adoption.

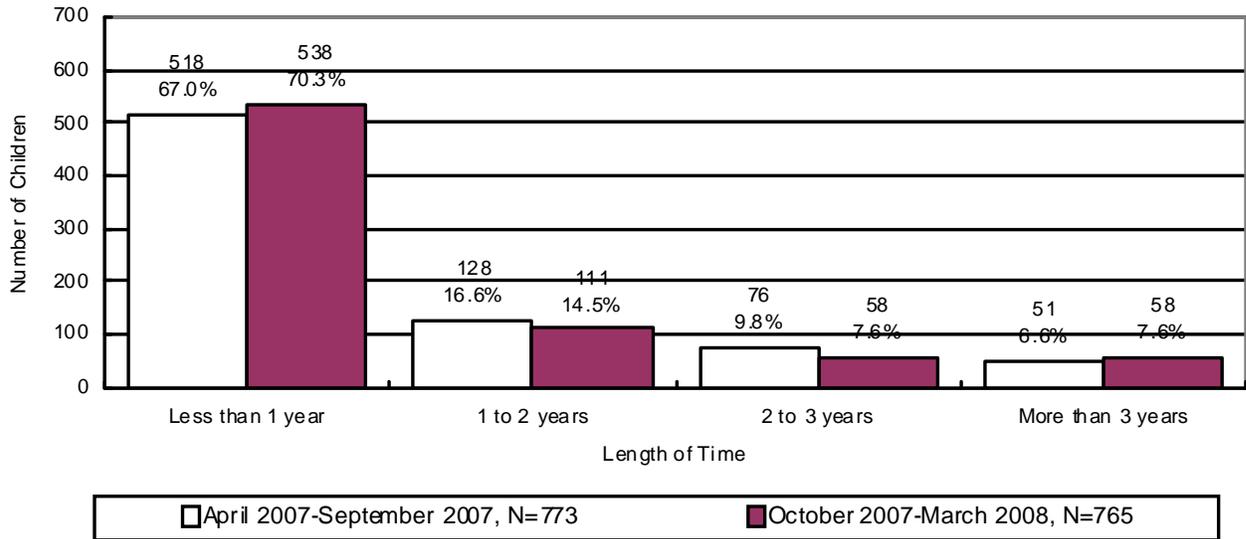
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**CHART 39**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION**



There were 765 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. Chart 40 displays the number of children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period by the average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive placement.

**CHART 40  
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**



The chart below displays the number of children with a finalized adoption by average length of time in adoptive placement before the final order of adoption.

**CHART 41  
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION**

